

# ALASKAN TOKEN COLLECTOR

## & POLAR NUMISMATIST

Eagle Trading Co., Eagle, Alaska

Clyde A. Thompson, Prop.

Circa 1915

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**EAGLE.** Pop 350. An incorporated town and mining settlement, also known as Eagle City, on the Yukon River at the mouth of Mission Creek, 615 miles nw of Skagway and 100 nw of Dawson, Y T, the nearest banking point. First settled in 1897, platted in January, 1899, and incorporated in January, 1901. Town Council elected annually. Has a public school, Catholic church, a saw mill and several general stores. The town-site is known on the government maps of the U S coast and geodetic survey as Belle Island. It is the location of a U S customs house, the military post of Fort Egbert, the U S commissioner, the mining recorder of Eagle precinct and the Alaska headquarters of several domestic and foreign hydraulic mining companies operating in the immediate vicinity. This is the outfitting point for miners located on American Mission, Boundary, Washington, Fourth of July, Trout and O'Brien Creeks, the n fork of Forty-Mile and the Seventy-Mile and its tributaries. Shipments may be made by boat via St Michael or by boat to Skagway, from there by rail to White Horse, thence by river steamer down the Yukon. Weekly stage to Dawson, thrice monthly to Circle and Chicken, fare \$20. Telegraph service throughout Alaska and the United States. W F & Co Exp. Clyde A Thompson, postmaster.

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Anderson Lawrence, miner  
Barber Herbert, lab  
Beggs Robt, restaurant  
Berg Gus, miner  
Broad Helen Mrs, baker  
Bryant Albert, miner  
Burgess Geo B Rev (Episcopal)  
Coffin R, miner  
Collins M, cook  
Cox Ed, saloon  
Crowell Wm, miner  
Curtis Cal, miner  
Danielson Magnus, miner  
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Dome Creek Mining Co  
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Du Bois Jas (Du Bois Hotel), saloon  
Eagle-Dawson Stage Line  
EAGLE TRADING CO (Clyde A Thompson), General Merchandise  
Emerson Oscar, miner  
Fisher Chas, farmer  
Fox Albert, electrician  
Fox Creek Mining Co

This very colorful, and perhaps unique book of coupons was a welcome addition to my Alaska collection.

Only one other item of trade value is listed in the Alaska Token Catalog, for the old town of Eagle, Alaska...

One interesting aspect of this booklet, is the reduced sizes of the coupons, letting the denominational values show, when the jacket is open.

"Rick's" Postal History shows, Clyde A. Thompson was Post - master of Eagle, Alaska from 8/14/05 untill 11/9/17 ..

See, Zerox copies of coupon book, inside page .. 3



## EDITORIAL

This issue of ATC&PN will go out to over 400 people. The reason for this is that it is being sent with our fixed price list. We have about 225 people on our mailing list for the fixed price list and about 100 subscribers to ATC&PN.

This is the last chance for those of you who have not subscribed for 1981 to continue to receive this newsletter without interruption. You need not send in \$4. We will accept an article, such as the one we are running this month. Granted, \$4 is not much, the the time involved in doing an article to save the \$4 will amount to slave wages, but think about the others who will receive this information. Don't you enjoy the information presented in these articles? No need to answer. If you do like it you will re-subscribe, one way or another.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank Harold O. Fossum for this month's article. See you, and the rest of the fine folks in Juneau this spring at the Gastineau Philatelic Society show.

Sorry about the poor quality of December's issue. Hopefully, this one will reproduce better. If any of you have a page or two or three that are too faint, please return just that page, and we will replace it.

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## BOOK REVIEW

BRITISH COLUMBIA NUMISMATICA, PART I, TRADE TOKENS. by Leslie C. Hill. 1980.

This book is available from the author at \$18.50 Canadian or \$16.00 U.S., post paid; P.O. Box 277, White Rock, B.C., Canada V4B 5C6.

The 400 page volume is on pages 5½" by 8", and bound with a thick paper cover. Some 2100 different trade tokens of British Columbia, including trade dollars, are catalogued alphabetically according to issuer and under the municipality in which they were issued, the municipalities being listed alphabetically.

The following data is presented for each token: Catalogue number, material of which the token is made, color, shape, size in mm, rarity on a scale of 1 to 10 and date. Most tokens are not dated, so where known, dates are shown after the issuer's name to show when he was in business, and after the token description to show when the token was used. Valuations are not given. Where known, a few sentences of background data are given for each issuer. A sentence or two is included under most municipalities giving their location and a bit about their history and industry.

A 7 page alphabetical listing of B.C. mavericks given at the end of the volume is a useful aid to the collector in attributing them.

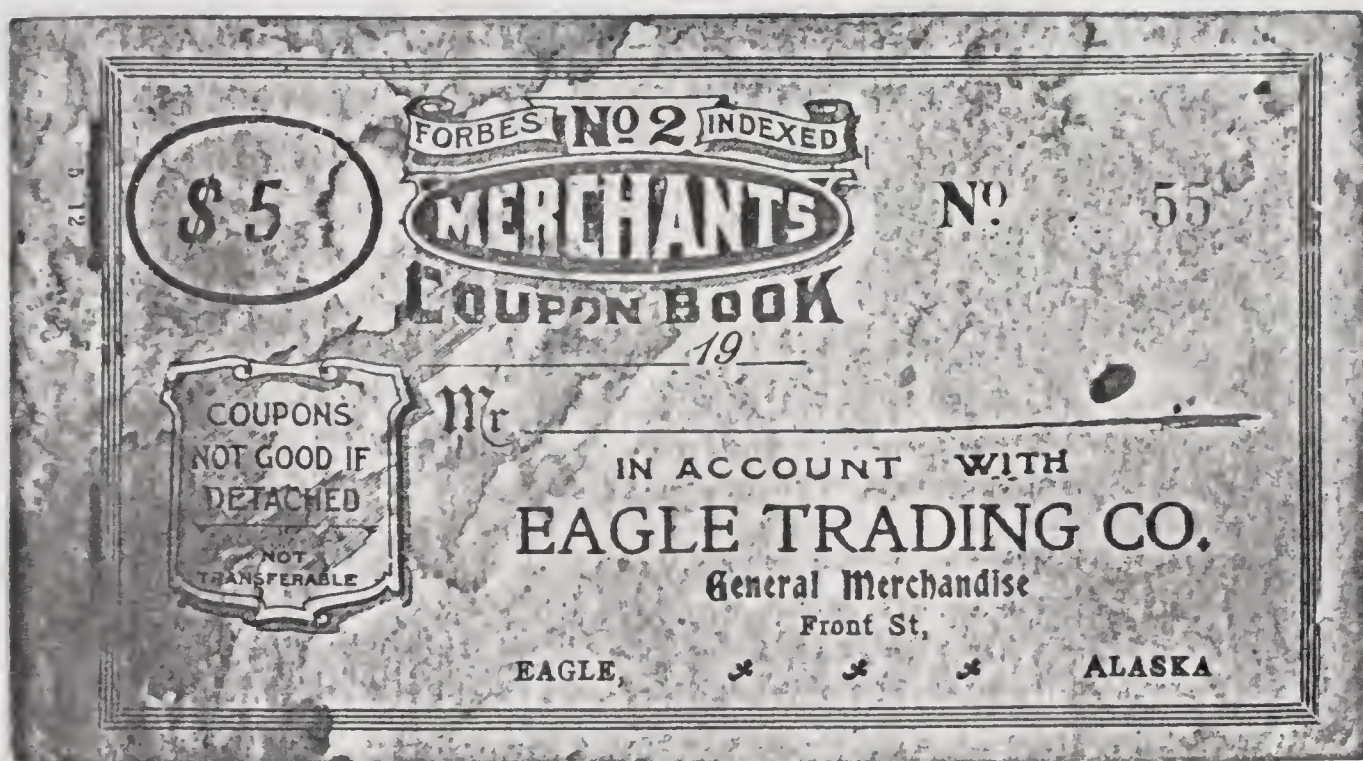
The book is well laid out and easy to follow. The illustrations are clear.

This volume is a compilation of several listings compiled by Mr. Hill with the help of others. This began in 1958 with a paper in the CNA Journal. Mr. Hill also co-authored Yukon Trade Tokens with Scott A. Simpson.

-Jerry Remick



Eagle Trading Co., Eagle, Alaska  
 Clyde A. Thompson, Prop.  
 Circa 1915



Jacket is green inside, and out, with black lettering...



This is a \$5.00 coupon book, consisting of:  
 20 .. 5¢ .. coupons, blue on peach.  
 15 .. 10¢ .. coupons, blue on pink.  
 10 .. 25¢ .. coupons, blue on grey.





## COIN CLUB NEWS

Fairbanks Coin Club meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 8PM. Meetings are held in the Dawson Room above Nerland's, entrance on 4th Ave.

Wooden Nickel Coin Club meets on Tuesdays at 7:30PM in the Burchwood Hanger, Eielson AFB.

Guests are always welcome. Meetings consist of a brief business meeting generally followed by an auction.

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## FOR THE RECORD



ANCHORAGE: Parking token, Diamond Alaska, white on light blue plastic. 28.4mm



ANCHORAGE: Wooden nickel, McDonald's, Good for 1 cup of coffee with breakfast. Red ink.



CHENA HOT SPRINGS: Wooden dollar

## FOR THE RECORD, continued

CHENA HOT SPRINGS, cont.: Hot Springs Hostel. Black ink.



FAIRBANKS: Plastic token. Barnette Elementary School, Christmas Bazaar. 1980. Obv.-Bulldog (School emblem). Red on white.



FAIRBANKS: Wooden nickel. Interior Video Systems, 5 Wooden nickels, black on wood. Available from Interior Video Systems, Northward Bldg., Fairbanks, AK 99701, for 25¢ plus SASE

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## TEMPTING FOR HONEST PEOPLE

From "Money Talk", published by the Canadian Numismatic Art Society, Winnipeg, Manitoba, 12/38

"Anchorage, AK, Oct. 1.-A sidewalk display such as no "pitchman" ever dreamed of stopped pedestrians recently. On a stout-legged table set on the curb was \$85,000 in gold and platinum from Good News Bay Mines, and was put on display by the Bank of Alaska. They sure put on a grand show with all the gold."

(At \$32/oz. if the above were all gold, this would be worth \$1.59 mil.)



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## ALASKA TOKEN COLLECTING EXPERIENCES

by

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Upon returning from my wedding trip to Alaska in 1965, I found a copy of "Alaska's Coinage Thru the Years" at a coin show. I really bought the book for the text only, because anything about Alaska was interesting after having been there. As I glanced through the book, I decided then and there to try to get as many of the listed tokens as possible.

Being a novice collector, I was very naive about how to begin. I actually wrote to the companies whose tokens were listed in the book.

As luck would have it, I did get answers from a few companies who were still in business, and had long since quit using them. I obtained these tokens for either face value or nothing. Those were the days. I really did get some goodies.

By then I was hopelessly addicted to Alaska token collecting. I found some advanced traders who really helped me out.

One guy collected bottles, and I sent my husband out to the old city dump in our area to try to dig some bottles for me. He found enough to get a really nice bingle.

Then another fellow's wife wanted a butter churn, the old wooden type with a dasher. I found one and shipped to to Alaska. This deal added another group of nice bingles to my collection.

Now, I have to rely on buying tokens, because I have nothing more to trade, and most all the collectors are nice enough to sell an extra token if they get a duplicate. Auction catalogs and fixed price lists help me too.

To help me through the dry spells, when Alaska tokens are scarce, I have started collecting dog tax tags from all states and cities, including Alaska.

Hind sight is always better than fore sight. I I had only thought of collecting tokens while traveling in Alaska 15 years ago, I

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## EDITORIAL

Subscription renewals are a bit slower than we had hoped, but this will not affect the issuance of this newsletter. From the looks of our file, we are running about 2/3 renewals, with a couple of new ones thrown in for good measure.

Those of you with sharp memories will remember that we planned on starting to use a continuous numbering system on our pages last year. Well, I forgot. But not this year, as you will note. This issue starts with page 5. This will make compiling and using the index we publish at the end of the year much easier.

We always need new and interesting articles. Have a couple of short ones we may have to use for the lead article, and a couple of reprints from other sources. If the articles do not come in, this will be cut back to 3 pages. Not good progress, as we had hoped to be able to at least continue with the 5 page format, and maybe throw in a few 7 page issues. This newsletter will be as good as you help it to be.

Our thanks to Mrs. King for a view of her encounters while collecting Alaskan tokens. Many of us can relate to her experiences. I feel sure that some of her trading partners are subscribers to this newsletter.

We need short space fillers, as well as articles. Appropriate credit will be given on those submitted.

## BOOK REVIEW

ISLENZKAR MYNTIR, by Finnur Kolbeinsson. 60 pages. Available from the author at P.O. Box 123, Reyjavik, Iceland.

Written entirely in Icelandic, with valuations in that country's currency, this booklet is the recognized standard catalog for the valuation of coins, tokens, medals and banknotes of Iceland.

The country's coinage, first issued in 1922, is catalogued by date and mintmark in 4 conditions from fine through uncirculated. A clear photograph of both sides of each type coin is given as well as the metal, weight, size in mm, and the mint that struck the coin. Die varieties are cataloged and some are illustrated either by sketches or enlarged photographs.

Eight pages are devoted to the country's tokens, the first of which was issued in 1846. Three pages are devoted to medallions.

The last half of the catalog is devoted to Iceland's banknotes, commencing with their first banknote issued in 1777.

A 4 page illustrated section of trade notes issued by stores, private persons or firms is included without valuations.

(price of the above catalog is \$7 U.S. to addresses in North America)

-Jerry Remick

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## COLLECTING EXPERIENCES, cont.

might have really hit the jackpot and unearthed some really nice tokens.

Anyway, I have met some mighty nice people through the mail, who are avid token collectors. I have yet to meet any of these people in person, but hope I will have the good fortune to do so some day.

A few people think I'm an odd ball because of my hobby, but it has been very educational and interesting.

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## MILLER HOUSE MEMORIES

The article on Miller House brought back some good memories, as wife, son and I stayed there overnight in our camper in the summer of 1966. We went to Circle to see the large vegetables and turned around and drove back to Miller House. I believe we had something to eat there.

It's been a long time and sorry to hear of the fire. We spent five weeks seeing every thing we could in 20 hours per day. Hope to make another trip and spend all summer this time.

-Clay Welty

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## CREDIT NEED BE GIVEN.....

To John Cheramy for submitting the short space filler "Tempting for Honest People" on page 4 of the January, 1981 issue of ATC&PN.

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## 75th ANNIVERSARY OF KLONDIKE MEDAL

Featured on page 2 of Vol. II, #2, was issued by Kurt Kusters of Skagway, AK. Mintage was 5000.



## ALASKA CREAMERY, KETCHIKAN

The Alaska Creamery was owned and operated by Deke Brown at 744 Water Street in Ketchikan, Alaska from 1926 until 1937. Financing was obtained through Pat O'Brien of the Dairy Gold Corporation of Burlington, Washington, although Pat O'Brien never came to Alaska.



Deke Brown died in 1937 and the creamery closed down. During World War II, the building was used by the U.S. Army for the storage of frozen foods due to its large refrigerator capacity. After World War II, the building was bought by Service Electric Company, which still occupies the site.

According to Lowell Brown, a son of the owner Deke Brown, the creamery had issued tokens for milk and for buttermilk. He told the writer that these tokens were no longer redeemable.

-Henry C. Keene, Jr.

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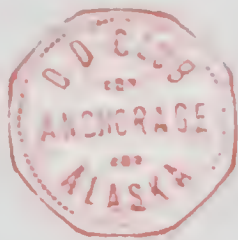
## ICELAND ISSUES NEW NOTES & COINS

On January 1, 1981, Iceland released new coins and banknotes to circulation. 100 old Kronur = 1 new Krona.



FOR THE RECORD

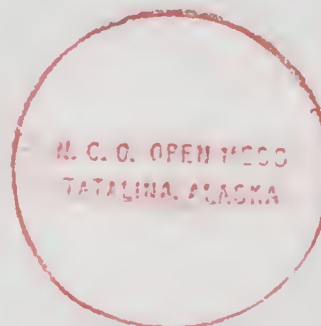
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ANCHORAGE: D D Club, 12½¢ I/T, brs.  
8-sided. 22mm. Unlisted variety.  
Same rev. as B-14AII, new obverse.

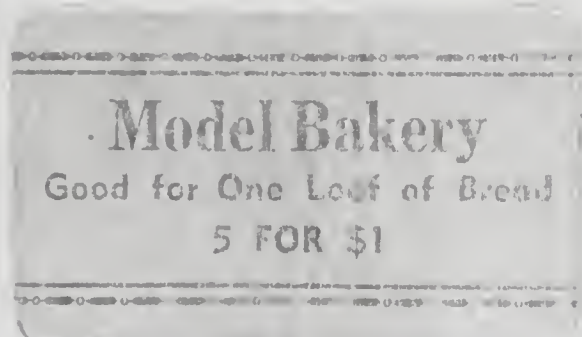


SPARREVOHN: 719th A.C.W.  
SQDN, \$5 in trade, 38mm  
alum. Unlisted value.



FAIRBANKS: Pioneer Grill, \$10  
Punch Card. 110mm x 63mm. Black on Pink

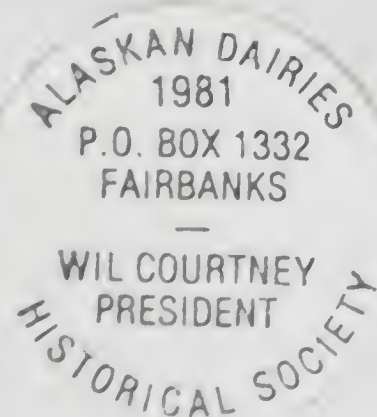
TATALINA: N.C.O. Open Mess, Sup-  
port Your Club. 31mm, Alum.  
unlisted.



FAIRBANKS: Model Bakery, Good for  
one loaf of bread, 5 for \$1. 55mm  
x 32mm. Black on Pink.



DAWSON, YUKON: J.Z., 12½¢ I/T.  
21mm, brass or copper (specimen  
examined is dark). J.Z. has been  
attributed to John Zaccarelli.  
May have more information on this  
one later.

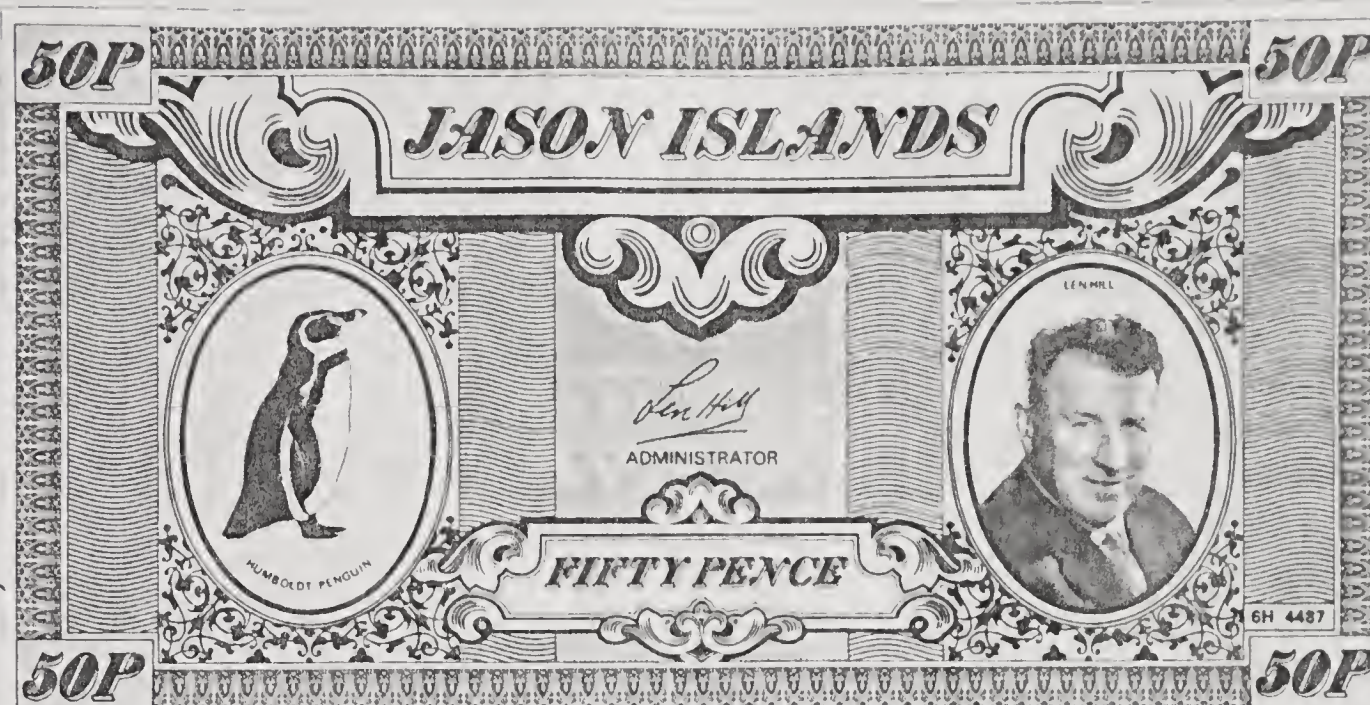


FAIRBANKS: Alaskan Dairies Histori-  
cal Society, 1981 token, 41mm, red  
on white plastic. Available from



MAVERICK: The Board of Trade,  
6¼¢ I/T. 30mm, brass or copper.  
Could be from any place. Unlike  
any other Alaskan token, but shown  
here for general information.





## JASON ISLANDS CURRENCY

Jason Islands is a group of islands in the Falkland-Islands, in the South Atlantic.

The set of notes consists of 50 Pence, 1, 5, 10, and 20 Pounds. Each note features a profile of a penguin and a portrait of Len Hill, the administrator. The back of all notes feature a smoking volcano, and the value. These notes were valid only until 31 Dec. 1979.

The 50 Pence note features a Hum-

boldt penguin, and is green in color. The other notes are as follows:

1 Pound	Jackass penguin	purple
5 Pounds	Rockhopper "	red
10 Pounds	Gentoo penguin	blue
20 Pounds	King penguin	brown & orange

Validity of these notes is questionable. Apparently, the islands are privately owned. At this time it cannot be determined if they are occupied.

We have sets of 5 notes available for \$3 plus \$1 post. & insurance.

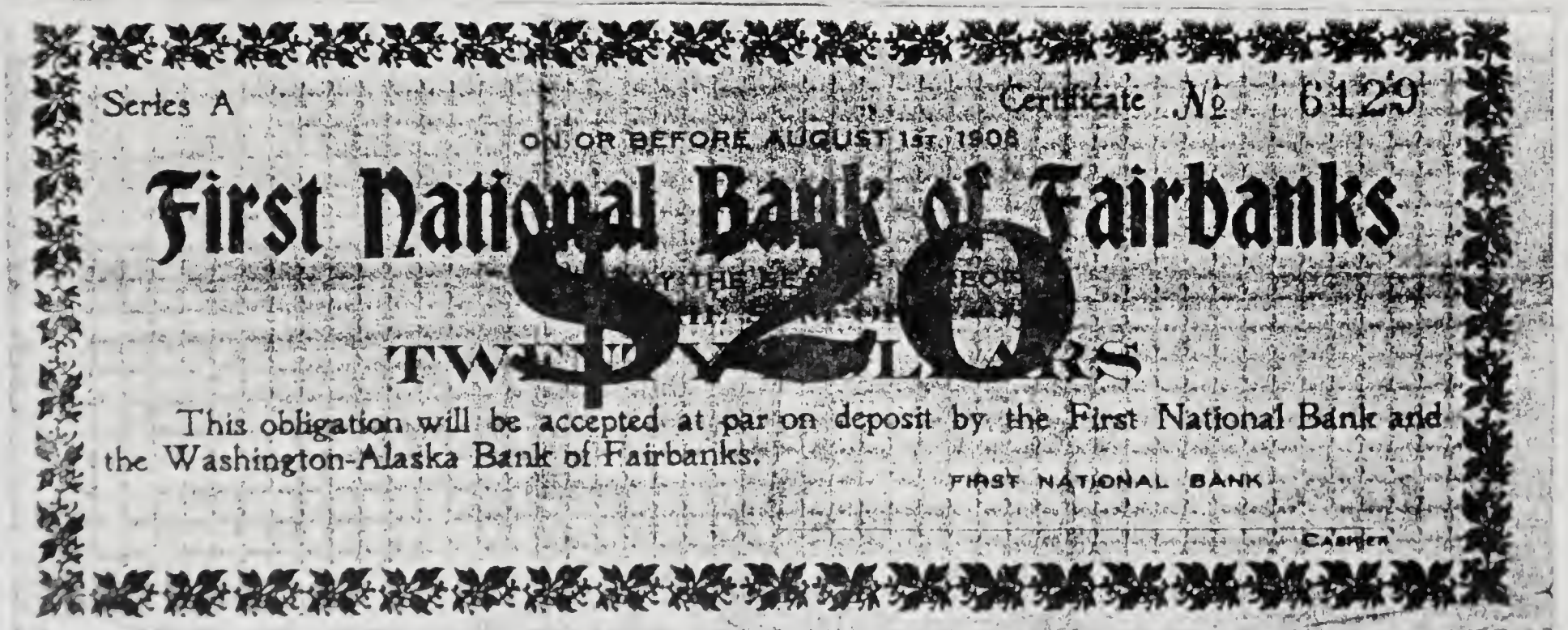


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## EDITORIAL

This month's issue had to get out on time, if not a little sooner so that we could bring you the second and final part of Bob Farrell's Token Die mail bid sale.

We had a couple of articles in preparation, but could not get them ready in time for this issue. Therefore there is no lead article this time.

Instead, on the front page we bring you an illustration of an item that recently came up at mail bid. Quite an interesting piece of Alaskana. The redemption date of August 1st, 1908 puts it in the same era (we think) as the script from the Salchaket Trading Post, featured in the VII,#4 issue of ATC&PN.

As always, can use any articles you may care to submit. At present there are about 70 folks out there that would like to have whatever info you would like to share.

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Subscription, 12 issues of 1981 is \$4. The 8 issues for 1979 and the 12 issues for 1980 are \$4 per year.

## UNDATED TRADE DOLLAR CIRCULATES IN WHITEHORSE in 1980.

The Edmonton Mint, Alberta struck 1000 specimens in bronze of an undated trade dollar for use in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, Canada in 1980. This trade dollar, which has the date 1950 (date of incorporation) on the crest side, has been issued yearly in Whitehorse since 1972.

This trade dollar exists on both a thick and a thin planchet. I suspect that due to the high cost of metal, the thin planchet type has been issued in the last few years replacing the thick planchet type of former years.

Thin planchet dollars are available at \$1.25 postpaid from Mr. G. van der Wolf, City Clerk, City of Whitehorse, Yukon Ter., Canada, Y1A 1C2.

-Jerry Remick  
Ed. Note- A friend obtain a number of Whitehorse trade dollars for us while at the Arctic Winter Games in 1980. All were thick planchet. Until we recieved these, all other Whitehorse dollars that NSA had handled were thin planchet.

## — — — — — PORTAGE POSTER RELEASED

Chugach National Forest has released a color poster of Portage Glacier.

The free poster is available at Forest Service offices in Anchorage, Seward, Cordova, and Fairbanks.

The poster can be obtained in Anchorage at 2221 E. Northern Lights Blvd., and at the Parks and Forests Information Center at 540 W. 5th Ave.

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Selling Alaskana? Think NSA.







# THE LAST GREAT TOKEN DIE SALE

This is the last sale I intend to have of choice token dies produced by Jos. Mayer & Bros. of Seattle, one of the Northwest's earliest makers of trade checks (1895-1938). See the October TTT for more information in my first sale. The average winning bid on dies in that sale, excluding the Alaska dies, was \$24.17. This sale features equally choice items, but also features a number of old reverses which should be a little more affordable. This may be your last chance to pick up an example of early Northwest and Alaska diework. Even a reverse can provide lots of enjoyment, searching for tokens struck by your die.

The dies are all in good condition for display items, though some have rim nicks or slight discoloration. Major problems are noted. Read the TERMS of the sale carefully. Suggested minimum bids: \$5 for reverses, \$10 for other dies. I hope every collector can get at least one example of these fascinating dies.



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1. (Willapa, WA) Willapa Harbor Bus Line. 21 mm. The 5¢ size of an unknown and unlisted transportation token, struck in September 1916 for the owner of a "stage line" in this tiny Washington town. This one also comes with the original stock card showing when struck, cost, reverse, etc. Very special set; see the last sale for more information. MB \$60.
2. Seattle Municipal Railway. School Ticket. Two dies, the obverse and reverse of (Atwood) Wash. 780F. Few rim nicks.
3. (Douglas, AK) The Hunter 12 1/2 cents. The obverse of Douglas 17B (confirmed by Ron Benice), an old saloon. (While you've got your Alaska book open, note Douglas 20--that very fancy 12 1/2¢ is featured below.) An R7 token. MB \$50.
4. Kodiak, AK - B & B. 24 mm. The obverse of Kodiak 1A, from an old saloon run by P.D. Blodgett and John Blinn. MB \$50.
5. Petersburg, AK - Pacific Coast & Norway Packing Co.. 27.5 mm. The obverse of Petersburg 6C, which is a 50¢ token. MB \$50.
6. (St. Michael, AK) Good for 25¢ in trade R.L. Negus. 23.5 mm. The reverse for one of the two listed Eskimo tokens from St. Michael, which Benice dates ca. 1932 but which appear more like ca. 1910. MB \$50.
7. Skagway, AK - [Elks Club] 431. 28 mm. Skagway 2B, the large size B.P.O.E. token from this town. Damage to shank (not face).
8. (Wrangell, AK) Tom's Place Good for 10¢ in Trade. An unlisted denomination of Wrangell 10. 27 mm. MB \$50.



9. Good for 12 1/¢ in trade. 25 mm. This, to my mind, is one of the choicest items here, although it's just a reverse and not exclusively an Alaska reverse, I am sure. It is pictured on two saloon tokens in the Benice book, Douglas 20 and Valdez 5, and by his dating is pre-1900. The numbers are about the fanciest I have seen. Similar 10¢ and 50¢ reverses are offered below, but I don't see them pictured in Benice. MB \$30.
10. Bellingham, WA - A. Alexandre, Cor. C. & Holly St.. 20 mm face with a large shank (47.5 mm at the base). Cigars, pool, etc., listed in Polk's 1923-31 at 617 W. Holly.
11. Carlsborg, WA - Fairman & Yorke. 24 mm. A misspelling of Carlsborg, a small Clallam County town. I could find no Polk's listing for this business.
12. Centralia, WA - Centralia BAKERY. 24 mm. Date unknown.
13. Ellensburg, WA - The Mint. 24 mm. One of the very few east-of-the-mountains tokens struck by Mayer Bros.
14. Hamilton, WA - Finch Bros.. 24.5 mm. A small Skagit County town. In 1917-18, there were several Finches in Bow, Washington, but I could find no listing for them in Hamilton.



15. (Hobart, WA) Wood and Iverson Store Incorporated. 30 mm and 20 mm. Beautiful dies from a tiny King County town. Positively attributed (listed in Polk's in 1914). The last sale featured the 30 mm piece, but instead I sent the high bidder a larger 36 mm die (with his consent). Two dies.
16. Hoodsport, WA - Ahl's Pool Hall. 21 mm. A smaller version of the die listed last time from this tiny Mason County town.
17. Lake Stevens (WA) - R. W. Lambright. 20 mm. A very rare token town in Snohomish County; only two with tokens from here in the last Washington census, including mavericks.
18. National, WA - National Store. 27 mm. A large attractive old die from a scarce Pierce County town. Date unknown.
19. Raymond, WA - C.C. Bowers. 24.5 mm. An attractive old saloon token die, with the same saw-toothed border that was on a couple of dies in the last sale. Saloon listed 1907-08.
20. (Seattle, WA) - Eagles Club 1. 20 mm. Probably an early 1930's die from the Mother Aerie.
21. Silvana, WA - L.P. Clausen. 21 mm. Clausen had a hotel and blacksmith shop in this rare Snohomish County town in 1909, and the hotel is still listed in 1914.
22. Snoqualmie, WA - Jeff's Pool Room. 21 mm. A banged up piece with rim dings and a gouge at the end of "Jeff." Probably from the billiard hall and confectionary of Jefferson Jones, listed in Polk's in 1925 (town population 450 then).







41. Good for one tank. 24 mm. Gas station?
42. Good for 5¢ at the bar. 20 mm. Old slant-5 saloon reverse.
43. Good for 5¢ cigar. 20.5 mm.
44. Arcade 5 cents. 24 mm. Old, the same saw-toothed border as #19 and #38, above.
45. 10¢, 25¢, 50¢. 23.5 mm. Matched set of three reverse dies, all with a saw-toothed border and all clearly old.
46. 10¢, 50¢, \$1.25. 24.5 mm. Matched set of three reverse dies, the same style and type as #9 above (12 1/2¢). These must be all pre-1900, among the earliest of Washington State dies.
47. Good for 5¢ in trade. 24 mm.
48. Good for 12 1/2¢ in trade. 22.5 mm. Large, early, ornate. A couple of rim nicks. On a small (14 mm) shaft.
49. Good for 12 1/2¢ in trade. 28 mm. Clearly the reverse for Valdez 17. I'm sure it was used on non-Alaska tokens too.
50. Good for 12 1/2¢. 21 mm.
51. Good for 12 1/2¢ in trade. 20.5 mm.
52. Good for 12 1/2c in trade. 32 mm circular face set on a large 35 mm octagonal die.
53. Good for 15¢ in trade. 27 mm. Rare denomination.
54. Good for 20¢ in trade. 24 mm.
55. Good for 20¢ in trade. 28 mm.
56. Good for 25¢ in trade. 27 mm.
57. 40¢. 24 mm. Probably the reverse for Valdez 12B, the Nizina saloon (1903-06). Exactly the same style as the 20¢ pictured in Benice. The token is an R8 (rarest). Rare denomination.
58. \$1.00. 24 mm.
59. Good for \$2.00 in trade. 36 mm. Large, heavy and impressive.
60. Good for \$5.00 in trade. 20 mm.



## TERMS

Postage and insurance added. All successful bidders must agree in writing upon receipt of invoice that they will not restrike or permit restrikes of these dies without written permission (e.g., for clearly identified commemorative issues). Buyers will be registered with all appropriate organizations, and purchasers for resale will be required to supply the name/address of the buyer. Right reserved to reject any bid (but I doubt if I will have to). No bid reductions in this sale, so bid what you think a die is worth. "Budget" buyers: state the upper limit you want to spend, and list your bids in the order you want them executed.

Note: since this ad will be reduced when published in TTT, the die impressions will be about 1/3 smaller than actual size.

## Closes March 13

MAIL TO: BOB FARRELL, P.O. Box 22334, Seattle, WA 98122  
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1981 CANADIAN SILVER \$1 and GOLD  
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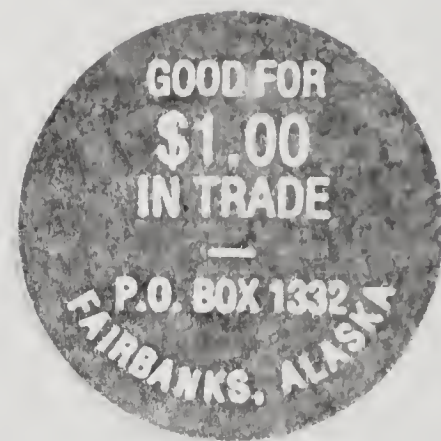
This year's silver dollar from Canada will honor the 100th anniversary of the Canadian Government's approval to build the Trans-Canada railway.

The \$100 gold coin will mark the decision of the Canadian Parliament, on July 1, 1980 to adopt "O Canada" as the national anthem.

Both coins are illustrated below. Both coins feature a map of Canada, including its arctic territories.



FOR THE RECORD



FAIRBANKS: Ideal Services, \$1 in trade. Black on orange plastic token. (Illustrated at the bottom of the left column).

Available from Ideal Services, P. O. Box 1106, Fairbanks, AK 99707 for \$1 plus SASE. Will include the previously unreported white on brown token from Courtney Services (illustrated above) free of charge.



FAIRBANKS: Hans' Hairstyling, one Buck in trade. Black ink on wood. Issued about 1979.



FAIRBANKS: Jake's Wooden Buck/ We're passing the Buck to THE OTHER PLACE. Good for 1 drink. Green ink on wood. Probably pre-1978.

That is all for this month. Articles are needed. Next month we'll have something for you



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## OLNESS - DOME - OINES and the DOME CIGAR STORE

Olnes and Dome (or Dome Camp) are two distinct places as far as the old maps are concerned, and their remains also are separate. But the Post Office gives us reason to question whether or not Olnes was once known as Dome, or visa versa!

"Alaska's Postmasters and Postoffices, 1867-1963" by Melvin B. Ricks indicates that the Post Office in Dome was established on October 26, 1906. The P.O. at Olness was established on January 11, 1908, and was discontinued on April 30, 1910, mail to Dome. Dome was in operation until Oct. 5, 1922, when the office was changed to Olnes. Was this a name change only, or actual transfer of location of the Post Office? Olnes remained in operation until April 30, 1925, mail to Chatanika.

The wording of the statements are important. "mail to ..." indicates to me that any further mail addressed to the Post Office being discontinued would be sent to the designated Post Office. When Dome was changed to Olness, was this only a name change? When one refers to the listing for Olnes, it is noted that it was "(formerly Dome)"

Below is a condensation of the tables from Mr. Ricks' book.

OLNESS	1-11-08
Disc. mail to Dome	4-30-10
DOME	10-26-06
Office changed to Olnes	10-05-22
OLNES (formerly Dome)	10-05-22
Disc. mail to Chatanika	4-30-25

The photo at the right was owned by one of the postmasters at Dome.

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## EDITORIAL

Well, this is the 2nd time I've tried to write this. Lost the first copy of this page. If any of you have been in the shop, you know what my desk looks like. I see the top of it about once every 3 weeks. But, the second page of this news letter has disappeared several days ago. My deadline is approaching, so I thought I'd best re-do it.

The Gastineau Philatelic Society is holding its annual show in Juneau April 11 and 12. We are planning to attend again this year. As a matter of fact, this will be mailed from the show, with the special PANEX cancellation.

Hope you like our new format on the front page. You'll be seeing it for about 100 issues (unless I get tired of it).

Next month we will feature the first part of a 2 part article on a medal relating to Tristan da Cunha, an island in the South Atlantic. It is Authored by Mr. Rozell Smith, and is reprinted from "Ice Cap News", the journal of the American Society of Polar Philatelists. The journal is more than "just" stamps. Each issue is packed with historical and other information. Dues are \$10.00 per year in the US and Canada, or \$12 to have ICN sent via 1st class mail. Sample copies are \$2.00. Correspondence can be sent to S.H. Jacobson, 4300 West Dempster, Skokie, Ill 60076.

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## WHITEHORSE TRADE DOLLAR (correction)

My article in the March 1981 issue of ATC&PN was in error. The trade dollars circulating in Whitehorse in 1980 were struck on thick planchets. The same undated trade dollar was issued in 1972-79 on thin planchets.

-Jerry Remick

## YELLOWKNIFE 1981 CARIBOU CARNIVAL

The 27th annual Caribou Carnival took place March 26-29 in Yellowknife, NWT. The carnival is packed with all sorts of competitions and events, with seperate contests for men, women and children.

A trade dollar was issued to continue a series begun in 1974. The obverse features "Carnie", their cartoon Caribou, and symbol of the carnival, tipping his miner's cap and carrying a bag of gold on his back. Yellowknife is the site of two large operating gold mines and their Carnival theme is now Northern Mining and Exploration.

The reverse side of the trade dollar, as in the past, depicts four husky dogs pulling a sled with a man standing behind, commemorating the annual Canadian Championship Dog Derby, held during carnival time. This is a 3 day, 150 mile dog sled race of 9 dogs or less hitched to a toboggan type sled, and run on the open ice of Great Slave Lake.

There were 5,000 trade dollars struck by the Sherritt Mint on 33mm nickel-bonded-steel blanks. These are available for \$1.25, postpaid from: Caribou Carnival Committee Attn. Doug McEwan, Box 580, Yellowknife, NWT, Canada XOE 1H0.

Also available are the sets of trade dollars from 1974 to 1981 for \$12.50 postpaid. Single specimens are available (except for 1974) for \$1.50 postpaid each.

A 60-page souvenir booklet of the Carnival events, with photos, is also available for \$1.50 postpaid.

-Jerry Remick

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Selling Alaskan material? Think NSA. We are always interested in purchasing tokens, medals, or what-have-you.



## DOME-OLNES (continued).

The Postmasters also give evidence that the Dome Post Office underwent only a name change. John L. White was postmaster at Dome from June 27, 1919 to October 5, 1922. He was also postmaster at Olnes from October 5, 1922 to April 30, 1925.

On the front page is a photo of a store owned by W.F. Voss. William F. Voss was postmaster at Dome from June 29, 1909 to June 27, 1919. According to the man who found the Dome Cigar Store token, the token was found in the ruins of this store in what is now known as Olnes!

The man standing in the doorway is identified as Ed Fahrney, who at one time also owned the store, according to our informant, prior to 1926. The man to Fahrney's right (under "tobacco") is identified as a Mr. Neinschmidt.

So there we have it. Did Dome evolve into Olnes? Or did the Dome Cigar Store token emigrate to Olnes? Or was the Dome Cigar Store in Olnes? Take your pick.

-Dick Hanscom

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## ICELAND ISSUES 1981 PROOF SET

On January 1, 1981, Iceland reformed its currency on a 100-1 basis. A proof set of the new coins has been announced. Consisting of the new 5, 10, and 50 Aurar, and the 1 and 5 Kronur, the sets are available from the Central Bank of Iceland for US\$32.00 and Canadian \$38.00. Orders can be sent to P.O. Box 160, 121 Reykjavik, Iceland.

## OBITUARY

Ron Benice has informed us of the passing of Gene Morris, in Carlsbad, N.M.

Gene was one of the major early collectors of Alaskan tokens -- in the 1950's and 1960's. He was with the Alaska State Police as a state trooper. One of his long assignments was in Nome. He was acknowledged as a contributor to both "Alaska's Coinage through the Years" and "Rubles to Statehood." Only one other person can make that claim. He retired in ill health around 1970 to New Mexico where he operated Gene's Good Coin Shop.

## FALKLAND ISLANDS: A COLONY THAT WANTS TO REMAIN A COLONY.

This past January, the Falkland Islands legislative assembly voted 7-1 to freeze any further negotiation between Britain and Argentina concerning sovereignty of the islands. The Falklands have been a British colony since 1833. An Argentine settlement was removed from the Islands in that year.

The Islanders are devoutly British. They want to retain their colonial democracy, and want no part of Argentina's "dictatorship, where people permanently disappear."

The one vote opposing the freeze did not want any negotiating at all.

Look for future territorial disputes as the Falkland Islands show promise of oil reserves.

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## POPE JOHN PAUL II VISITS ANCHORAGE

On February 26, 1981, Pope John Paul II visited Anchorage. He celebrated Mass for more than 40,000 people.

A 16 page commemorative booklet, with color covers, 17 color, and 5 black and white photos. Texts of his speeches are also included.

Copies of the booklet can be obtained for \$2.95, plus \$1.00 postage per book from:

Stewart N. Rothman  
The Lens Unlimited  
921 Woodman Way  
Fairbanks, AK 99701

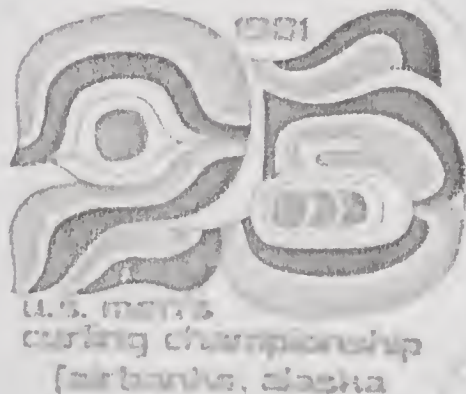
The booklet is now in its 4th printing and is proving very popular locally. The photography is excellent, and we can not recommend it highly enough.

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## U.S. MEN'S CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

In March, the national championship for men's curling was held in Fairbanks. There were 12 rinks (teams) competing. The states that were represented were: Connecticut, North Dakota, Ohio, Washington, New York, Illinois, Minnesota, California, Massachusetts, Colorado, Wisconsin, and Alaska. Alaska was represented by the Persinger rink from Fairbanks.

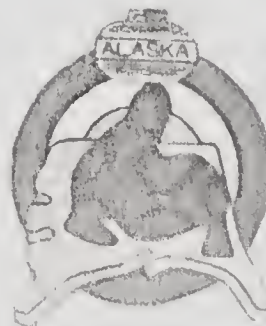
Souvenirs available at the tournament included the commemorative pin-backs noting that this was the 25th



## CURLING (continued)

anniversary of the Men's National Championships. This is illustrated at the bottom of the preceding column.

Pins from the Anchorage and Fairbanks Curling Clubs were also on sale. These are illustrated below.



A good many other souvenirs were also available. They are too numerous to mention, and are more non-numismatic than those mentioned here.

Finally, an item that served a purpose. The Silver Anniversary Drink Token. These were available at the Championship, and exchangeable at the bar at the Fairbanks Curling Club. These are illustrated below, and featured as this month's special.

(Ed. note: The pin for the Anchorage Curling Club did not reproduce well. Anchorage is to the left of "Alaska" and Curling Club is to the right.)

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## THIS MONTH'S SPECIAL



Silver Anniversary Drink Token, 1981 U.S. Men's Championship, Fairbanks, Alaska. 29mm Aluminum. On our next list this will be \$3 now only \$2.25 plus SASE (Canadian orders add 20c)



## NORTH-WEST TRADING COMPANY

Recently I came across information that the North-West Trading Company issued coupons to fur traders that were good for purchases in the trading post at Chilkoot (Haines). The trading post was established in Chilkoot in July, 1880.

The North-West Trading Company was organized in March, 1880, in Portland, Oregon. It established trading posts in Chilkoot, Killisnoo, Hoonah, Juneau, and Sitka. In 1883 or 1884, the trading post at Chilkoot was moved to Pyramid Harbor.

Would like to know if any readers are aware of any existing coupons issued by this company at any of its locations. If any one has any information, would appreciate hearing from them.

Karl Ward  
Box 14  
Haines, AK 99827

## IDITAROD TRAIL RACE, 1981.

The annual Iditarod Trail Race, from Anchorage to Nome, of approximately 1049 miles, was run last month.

Excellent trail conditions allowed for a record smashing time of 12 days, 8 hours, 45 minutes, and 2 seconds. Rick Swenson of Eureka was the winner, for his third win in 6 tries. The old record was 14 days 7 hours, 11 minutes, and 51 seconds.

To cover the costs of putting on the race, the Iditarod Trail Committee has for sale a number of souvenirs.



Iditarod Trail Comm.  
Pouch X  
Wasilla, AK 99687

## AK DAIRIES HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ADHS is at it again. This time, "it" is a 3", black on white pin-back button.



No comment on the humor, or lack of same. Believe they are \$1 plus SASE from ADHS, P.O. Box 1332, Fairbanks, AK, 99707.

Above is the souvenir pin-back button. These are available for \$1. Below is the design for the blue, white and gold enamelled lapel pin, charm, and key chain (all \$2 each), and for the stick pin (\$3.00). Unfortunately, the design did not photo-copy well.



Postage must be added to all orders. We recommend writing first to be sure of availability, and for a full list of items available.

That does it for this issue. We now have a contributor token, as you may be aware from Coin World. Will try to send to all who have sent info in.



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## THE SHIPS OF TRISTAN DA CUNHA by Rozell Smith



1815: U.S.S. "Hornet" and H.M.S. "Penguin"

1815. At this point in time three men, Thomas Currie, John Talsen and John Tankard, share a lonely existence on the mid-South Atlantic Island of Tristan d'Acunha, working desperately to clear ground and endeavoring to raise vegetables and livestock, not only for themselves but particularly for trade when visiting ships call for revitalizing.

Currie had come to Tristan in late 1810 with Andrew Millet and Jonothan Lambert, the latter a self-styled King of Tristan. He caused an extraordinary proclamation to the effect to be published in 1811 in the Boston Gazette. A ship (H.M.S. Semiramus) calling in 1813 found Currie the only inhabitant. He reported that his two companions, and a third man who had joined them in the meantime, were lost at sea while fishing in the Spring of 1812. Currie, joined by two new volunteers, tried to carry on with the ship trading plans of "King" Lambert, but with discouraging results. For one thing, many of the varieties of seed brought by "King" Lambert were unsuited to the climate of the South Atlantic island.

Then the War of 1812 brought about raiding of British shipping along the Cape of Good Hope route by American and privateer ships. While these raiders were glad to be able to use Tristan for watering and provisioning, there was little gain for the three inhabitants. They soon realized that ships-of-war carried no goods for trading and that the reckless adventurers felt justified in taking what they had to have, with no intent to compensate.

Little did the three on the island realize the two momentous events soon to occur. The first of these was that they were about to witness a short and decisive naval battle.

On January 23 (1815) three American vessels had taken advantage of a gale to break out through the British Blockade of New York, with plans made before hand to rendezvous at Tristan. One of these, the U.S. ship Hornet, 18 guns, Captain James Biddle, arrived off the island in the forenoon  
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## EDITORIAL

This month we bring you a fine article by Rozell Smith, reprinted with permission from "Ice Cap News", the bi-monthly journal of the American Society of Polar Philatelists. Mr. Smith writes a regular column for I.C.N. titled "The Ships of Tristan da Cunha." The one we feature this month is #31 in the series.

Some may ask why the ships that have visited Tristan are important. Firstly, comparatively few ships have visited Tristan, so they are not too difficult to keep track of. Secondly, there is no airport. Therefore, the only way mail could leave the island is by ship. To historically minded philatelists, this is important because you can have a good idea what ship a particular piece of mail left Tristan on. While we do not know for a fact, but we suspect that there are those trying to collect covers (envelopes of letters) from as many ships' mailings as possible.

Granted that Tristan da Cunha is not within the bounds set for ourselves. It is more correctly to be considered sub-polar or sub-antarctic. It is pretty much ignored by all but polar philatelists so we thought you might also find it interesting. The battle related involves the U.S., plus a medal showing Tristan in the background. This is probably the first medallion rendering of Tristan (and may be the last!). Tristan has issued 3 commemorative 25 Pence coins.

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Editor- Dick Hanscom  
Canadian Corr.- Jerry Remick

We are always in need of articles and space fillers. Contributions are requested.

## CORNER BROOK, NEWFOUNDLAND TRADE \$

Corner Brook, Newfoundland will release an issue of trade dollars on May 24th to commemorate their 25th anniversary. The Newfoundland dog, also the provincial symbol appears on the obverse. The city's coat of arms appears on the reverse.

The Sherritt Mint struck 25,000 specimens on 33mm, nickel-bonded-steel blanks. A specimen in a plastic case is available at \$2.50 postpaid. A single coin without case is available at \$2.00 postpaid. Orders should be sent to Chamber of Commerce, Box 475, Corner Brook, Newfoundland, CANADA, A2H 6E6.

This is the first trade dollar issued by a municipality on the island of Newfoundland. The 1974 Labrador City (Newfoundland on the mainland of Canada) Winter Carnival trade dollar is the only other trade dollar issued by a municipality in Newfoundland. It is selling for upwards of \$40 at auction and private sales.

-Jerry Remick

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Last year, the journal had 296 pages in 6 issues. ASPP also offers a new issue service, society sales service (generally covers), and postage for return mailings from the polar regions.

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## SHIPS OF TRISTAN, continued.

of March 23. As the ship was being anchored near an island headland and her top sail sheets letting go, a sail was discovered to south and eastward. This was H.M. ship Penguin, 19 guns, Captain Dickinson, a new vessel having sailed the previous September (1814) from England to Cape of Good Hope, then assigned to protect home-bound Indiamen (vessels) from havoc by a prowling heavy American privateer (Young Wasp).

As Hornet's sails were being quickly sheeted home in order to make pursuit, the British brig was out of sight by the headland. Capt. Dickinson eventually spotted the American for the first time and gradually bore up on her to windward. Hornet hove to, to allow her opponent to close, fitter her mainsail and continued to yaw, to prevent herself from being raked. At 1:40PM Penguin hauled to the wind on a starboard tack and, being barely within range, fired a gun. The action commenced as Hornet luffed up on the same tack; the ships traded heavy broadsides for 15 minutes, all the while coming closer. The action became extremely brisk.

At the moment Capt. Dickinson on Penguin had his helm put aweather and came down bow foremost as if to fall on board Hornet, he was mortally wounded. Command devolved to first lieutenant McDonald who carried on his commander's plan. It was 1:56PM when Penguin's jib-boom crossed the Hornet's taffrail.

There was the usual considerable swell common in Tristan's waters; the sea lifted Hornet ahead, and Penguin's bowsprit carried away her mizzen shrouds, stern davits and spanker boom. Penguin's bowsprit broke off short and her foremast went overboard.

A courageous English officer

mounted his rail and shouted out something which Capt. Biddle understood- whether rightly or not is disputed -to be word of surrender. At the same moment Capt Biddle received a severe neck wound.

The ships separated further, Hornet wore to present a fresh broadside whereas Penguin was unable to manoeuvre, being hull riddled, foremast gone, main (mast) tottering, guns dismounted on the engaging side and one-third of her crew of 132 killed or wounded. She struck her colors at 2:02PM, 22 minutes after the commencement of action.

Penguin was so badly riddled with shot that she was allowed to sink after crews and stores had been removed. Hornet rather miraculously came out for better, with one man killed and 11 wounded, being able to continue service after obtaining a new set of sails.

Historic accounts admit of equal bravery on both sides, but suggest an immense disparity between the two vessels in the spirit and effectiveness of their crews, perhaps in part because of the rabid nationalism of the new Americans.

This battle was cruel for the sailors involved. The engagement was unnecessary: the war had ended three months previously!

Hornet was joined later in rendezvous as planned by U.S.S. Peacock (and its stores ship Tom Bowline). The two sloops-of-war remained at Tristan until April 13, but not to any delight or gain of the three island inhabitants. Their circumstances deteriorated so severely by mid-1815 that the captain of a calling ship was moved to report their sad plight to Cape Town authorities. But, unbeknown to the  
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## SHIPS OF TRISTAN, continued.

three, their lonely plight would shortly end with Britain's decision to back their claim to the island group (the other momentous event alluded to above) and the arrival (1816) of a British military establishment of 40 persons.

Grateful thanks for her keen interest and assistance to Mrs. Fuller, Librarian, U.S. Navy Library at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

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Ed. Note: The medal illustrated with this article is a bronze replica of the gold medal awarded to Capt. Biddle by Resolution of Congress, February 22, 1816. The photo and the description (below) are from "Medals of the U.S. Mint Issued for Public Sale", G.P.O. stock number 4804-0497.

OBV. THE CONGRESS OF THE U.S. TO CAPT. JAMES BIDDLE. FOR HIS GALLANTRY GOOD CONDUCT AND SERVICES. Bust of Captain Biddle, in uniform, facing the right.

REV. CAPTURE OF THE BRITISH SHIP PENGUIN BY THE U.S. SHIP HORNET. Naval action between the U.S. sloop-of-war HORNET, 18 guns, Captain Biddle, and the British sloop-of-war PENGUIN, 19 guns, Captain Dickinson. The HORNET, to windward, is raking the PENGUIN. The British vessel has lost her main-top-gallant-mast. In the distance the peak of Tristan d'Acunha. Exergue: OFF TRISTAN D'ACUNHA MARCH XXIII MDCCCXV.

By Furat.

The 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " bronze medal is still on sale to the public from the following address:

Bureau of the Mint  
55 Mint St.  
San Francisco, CA 94175

The last price we saw was \$8.50, but we are sure that they have gone up. Write the above address for a full price list. The Biddle medal is #518.

### RUSSIAN AMERICAN NOTES FEATURED

World Coin News featured an article by Ted Uhl on the notes issued by the Russian-American Co. The article gives the basic information on the notes, plus a listing of known specimens and their locations, when known.

This article is in conjunction with a 1690 lot ad of world currency. For sale is a unique 25 Ruble note of the Russian-American Co., priced at \$47,500. Uhl calls this note "the world's rarest bank note."

For permanent reference, Uhl has a price list, duplicating those notes in the ad, plus a reprint of the article on the "Alaskan" notes. These are available from Ted Uhl, P.O. Drawer 1444, Auburndale, Fla. 33823. The price is \$2.

### ANY SHRINERS OUT THERE?????

We are in need of assistance in researching a very interesting piece we have obtained.

What we have is a Shiner badge (hanging medal) from Dawson, Y.T., dated 1914.

Where can we write to get information concerning the lodge in Dawson? Is there a national office? **HELP!?!**



## FOR THE RECORD



JUNEAU: Sylmax Company, set of 2 plastic tokens, green 25¢ and black 50¢. Available for \$1 and SASE from Sylmax Co., 241 So. Franklin, Juneau, AK 99801.

Sylmax Co. (Sylvia Northcut and Joe Smith) are in the process of opening a souvenir shop, to also include coins and stamps and supplies.



MAVERICK: White Horse Confectionery. 5¢ in trade. Aluminum. Has been offered as Whitehorse, Y.T., but this is doubtful.



FAIRBANKS: Fbks. Coin Club, Good for 50¢ on new membership. Gold on White plastic. \$1 and SASE from Fbks. Coin Club, c/o P.O. Box 2832, Fairbanks, AK 99707.

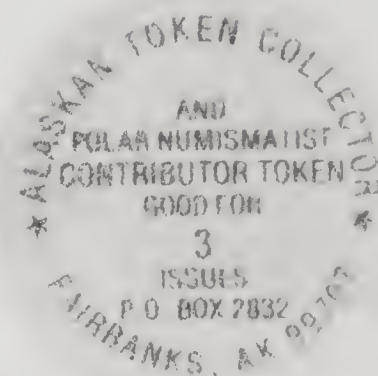
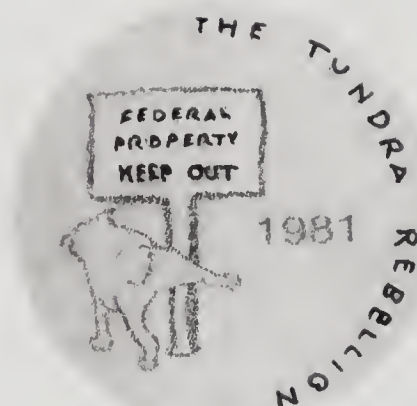
Please keep us informed on new issues and new discoveries.

## ATC & PN CONTRIBUTOR TOKEN

Illustrated below is our new contributor token. All of you who have contributed should have at least 1 token with this newsletter. If you have only 1, then we have our bookkeeping in order, and you are all set thru the end of the year.

For those of you who have built up credit towards 1982, you should have more than one enclosed. When it comes time to resubscribe, please redeem the tokens on your subscription.

If you feel you should have more, or did not receive any, and have contributed, please let us know. We are not infallible (as my spelling proves over and over again).



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## THOUGHTS ON SOME MAVERICKS

by  
Lewis L. Egnew

Have been meaning to write you in regard to "White Horse" token pictured recently in ATC. I've traded for two or three of these from Canadian collectors as being from Whitehorse, Y.T., but all I've seen or had were brass, not aluminum. (Ed. note: We reported an example in aluminum, but for the life of me, I can't find reference to it as aluminum in my files). The late Mrs. Mary Kopanski also thought they were from the Yukon.

I have seen these on one list as Darrington, WA, but have been unable to find in any of my directories of Washington. The only connection is a Whitehorse (one word) Mountain near Darrington.

White Horse Hotel and Cafe is pictured in a street scene of Whitehorse on page 13 of the book "Klondike Lost". It is spelled as on the token (two words).

Before I sign off, I have a couple of new tokens to report. One is from Dawson, Y.T. and the other from Sheep Camp.



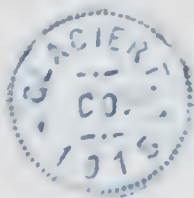
The Green Tree is pictured on page 146 of "One Mans Gold Rush". The token is of the same style as the Dawson City Opera House tokens - no doubt the same manufacturer. The token is aluminum.

I wonder if any collectors know who W. A. & H. are on the Dyea token? The H is probably Healey, and the W is probably Wilson. But who was the A.?

Also from the area above Dyea is the token from Sheep Camp, "The Mascot". The proprietor later used the same name for his saloon in Skagway. (information from a relative of the issuer.) A photo of The Mascot at Sheep Camp is also in "One Mans Gold Rush", on page 50. The reverse is the same die as the R. Witz token of Sitka.



Also will report three new unlisted tokens recently aquired, the first of which is from Petersburg. It is an unlisted denomination, 10¢, from the Glacier Fish Company, and is dated 1915, as are the listed denominations of 5¢ and 50¢. The token is made of aluminum.



The other two tokens are new examples of the Joseph H. Rutlader, Traders tokens. The first is a new denomination, a 16mm 1¢ token. It is struck in nickel. The other is

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## EDITORIAL

Boy, it is tough to get motivated during the summer months. Today it is 80 degrees outside and a little warmer in the shop.

So, due to my lack of ambition, this issue will feature a hodge podge of miscellaneous items, in an effort to clean out our files.

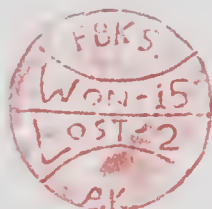
On our cover, Lew Egnew shares some thoughts on some new mavericks and some not so new mavericks. Elsewhere in this issue are several new discoveries and issues.

No more hot air for this issue. There is more than enough in town as it is!

### LATHROP HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' J.V. BASKETBALL MEDAL

This past winter, my wife, Jan, coached the Lathrop H.S. Junior Varsity basketball team. They compiled a very successful 15 wins, 2 losses record.

We wanted to give the kids on the team something to remember the season by, so we came up with a small medal, illustrated below.



The medals were produced by Charles Arceneaux of Texas. They are completely hand made. The blanks are cut by hand from strips of metal, the dies are hand engraved, and they are hand struck.

Only 25 were made in silver, and 100 in pewter. They are for sale for \$10 and \$4 respectively. Only about 5 in silver are available for sale. Please include \$1 for Postage and insurance.

(continued next column)

## LATHROP H.S. (cont.)

These are being sold to help cover the production costs of those given to team members. Even at these prices, we will not quite cover all costs.

And yes, I know there is a spelling error on the medal! I mis-spelled Lathrop on three different versions of the original artwork.

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Canadian Corr.- Jerry Renick



## MAVERICKS (cont.)

a small size (26mm) 51 token. This is also struck in nickel. Both of these are illustrated below.



My information is that all are from Platinum, with the old style reverse. The new type reverses as on the 1¢ and 5¢ may be from Goodnews Bay as in the book.

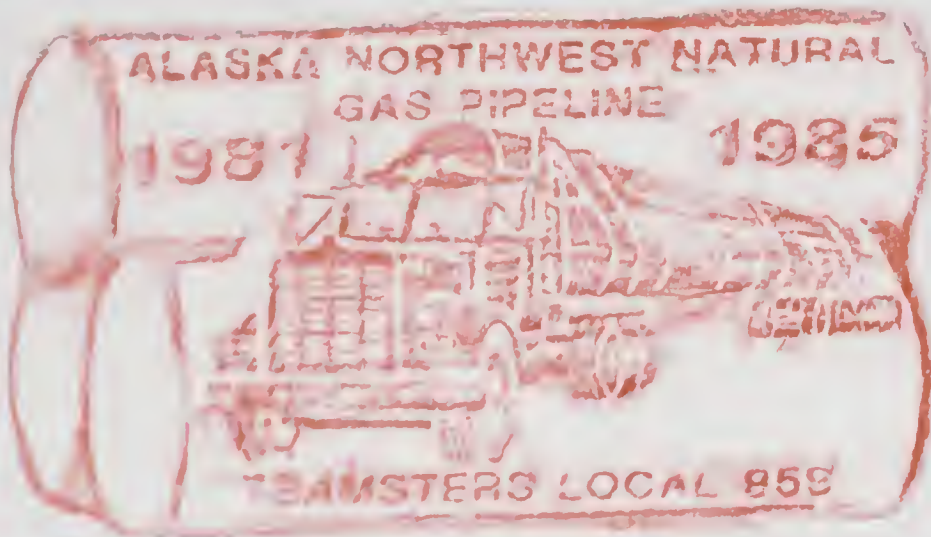
## CLYDE A. THOMPSON, EAGLE TRADING CO.

Mr. Thompson started out with a confectionary store in 1905 and continued as such for several years until he opened the Eagle Trading Co., a General Store. Mr. Thompson and the Eagle Trading Co. continued in business in Eagle through 1943.

-Ron Benice

## BELT BUCKEL NOTES ALASKA TEAMSTERS AND GAS PIPELINE

Alaska Stamps (the fine folks that share our shop location in beautiful downtown Fairbanks) have had manufactured a nice, brass belt buckel.



These are heavy buckels and are priced at \$19.95 plus \$1.50 postage. Address is 531-2nd Ave. Fbks. 99701

## CHENA PUMP HOUSE

The Chena Pump House used to be a water pumping facility for the old Fairbanks Exploration Co. It was part of the vast system of pumps, Sluiceways, ditches and flumes used to carry water to the dredging operations in the Fairbanks district.

The Pump House is now a fine restaurant and saloon. Established in 1978, the old pump house building serves as a backdrop for fine dining. Gold mining relics are used to decorate the restaurant, and patrons are seated at antique tables.

Compared to most restaurants, the menu is small, but varied. Each day a special meal is featured, and can be selected. This meal consists of soup, salad, main entree (with vegetables) and desert, and it is served "family style".

As you will note, this small article is not our usual style, as we do not have a culinary colume. But on page 30, you will find a copy of the place mat from the Pump House. We had to chop it up and rearrange it to fit, but it is still pretty interesting.

Besides the general information on the map, please not the locations of Dome and Olmes. Depending on your point of view, this either clears up or confuses the issue discussed in April's issue of ATC.

In any case an interesting piece of artwork, used with the artist's (Jane Galblum) and the Pump House's permission.





# THE GOLDIELDS

After the mud and gravel were thawed and washed away, the huge floating dredges were moved in to scoop up the underlying gold-bearing gravel. Separate out the gold, and spit out the tailings in long, snake-like uniform hills which can still be seen in the Ester, Fox and Chatanika Valleys.

## GOLD DREDGE



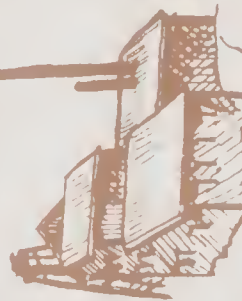
## PLACER MINING

With a simple rocker could be a one man operation. The many small claims on the placer creeks created such towns as VAULT, DOME and EL Dorado.



## QUARTZ!

Stamp mills were built all along the ridges from Ester Dome to Fairbanks Creek to crush the gold-bearing ore of the hard-rock quartz mines.



## DAVIDSON DITCH

was built 1925-28 by the FE Company - a conveyer from the Chatanika River to its dredge mining operations in GLEARY GOLDSTREAM and FOX. JAMES M. DAVIDSON was the engineer who proposed the building of the ditch which brought large-scale mining to the Fairbanks district 90 miles in length and 10-12 feet in width. The ditch roughly parallels the Steese Hwy much of which was built to aid in its construction. The ditch crosses valleys by means of large siphons of 4 foot diameter iron pipe. The longest of these siphons - the 1/2 mile long Chatanika siphon - can be seen where it crosses the Steese Hwy at mile 32.

## QUARTZ OUTPUT of the TANANA

1909	\$ 15,000 00
1910	30,000 00
1911	45,000 00
1912	200,000 00

The

# PUMP HOUSE

## CHENA PUMP HOUSE

began operations in 1933 pumping water from the Chena River over 400' up the Chena Ridge - provide pressure for the hydraulic plants to wash away the overburden in the Gravel Creek Valley in preparation for dredging.

## PUMP HOUSE

## CHENA

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# MILLER HOUSE - ALASKA POSTCARD



An article by JoAnne Wold was featured in our Dec. 1979 issue about the Millers of Miller House.

Thru the courtesy of Mrs. Lena Gerson, we are able to show you what it looked like, as presented on this postcard.

FOR A TICKLE  
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## TVCC WOODS

Tanana Valley Community College is located on the main campus of the University of Alaska here in Fairbanks. TVCC has issued 3 wooden pickle nickles since 1975.

Illustrated below is the first that we became acquainted with. These were distributed at the Tanana Valley Fair, I believe in 1976. The ink on the wood is green.

Studies pickle nickle. Black ink is used. The first that we have seen of this nickle was in April of this year. Why did it take this long to make itself known?

## THIS MONTH'S OFFERINGS

- Page 28: Lathrop H.S. Girls J.V. Basketball medal. Silver 10.00  
As above, pewter 4.00  
Page 29: Rutlader Traders, \$1 in nickel, large size (not pictured) B-2A under Goodnews Bay. 110.00  
Page 29: The Pump House Drink wood, black ink 4.00  
Page 31: Set of 3 TVCC woods. only 3 sets available. (lim-1) 5.00

Please include \$1 for postage and insurance.

THIS NICKLE  
GOOD FOR ONE  
FREE PICKLE  
AT TVCC



The next pickle nickle uses blue ink and features the logo of TVCC.

This is pictured in the next column.

The final nickle that came to light also appears to be the first that was issued. This is the "Winter



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## CANADIAN TRADE DOLLAR NEWS

### No 1974 Dawson City Trade Dollars

There is no 1974 Dawson City trade dollar. This date is listed in error by all published listings of Canadian trade dollars.

An undated 33mm souvenir dollar in bronze was released in 1974. This undated piece is merely a souvenir dollar and bears no indication that it is redeemable for cash. The obverse shows the face of a husky dog with the inscription "1898 GOLD RUSH" above and "DAWSON CITY CANADA" below. A squatting prospector panning for gold with the inscription "KLONDIKE" above and "DOLLAR" below is depicted on the reverse.

The undated 1969 trade dollar and the dated 1973 trade dollar from Dawson City were issued by the Kiwanis Club, and state on them that they are "REDEEMABLE".

Whitehorse, Y.T.: The Mayor's Office in Whitehorse informs me that specimens of their undated 39mm trade dollar issued from 1972 to 1980 are no longer available, and that at the moment they are not considering restriking it. The dollar was struck by the Alberta Mint, Edmonton. I wrote them suggesting they issue the dollar in 1981, but this time with the date 1981 on it, so here's hoping.

Corner Brook, Newfoundland: The correct price for the 1981 trade dollar issued by Corner Brook, Newfoundland is \$1.25 and not \$2.00 as I previously reported. Their initial mintage of 25,000 was almost sold out within 10 days of issue, so another 10,000 were made. Corner Brook, the second largest city in Newfoundland, has a population of 30,000. Specimens are available at \$1.25 postpaid from the Corner Brook Chamber of Commerce, Box 475, Corner Brook, Newfoundland, Canada A2H 6E6. This is only the second trade dollar to be issued in Newfoundland.

Labrador City Trade Dollar: Only a handful of Newfoundland's first trade dollar, a 39mm brass piece issued in 1974 for the Labrador City Winter Carnival, got into the hands of collectors. When available, the Labrador City piece goes for about \$45 Canadian. Your best bet to get a specimen is to get on the waiting list of John Cheramy, Box 5214 Station B, Victoria, B.C., Canada V8R 6N4. He recently had 3 specimens which have been sold. It is probable that Labrador City will issue a 1982 trade dollar to mark their Winter Carnival. Ms. Brenda Lake, Labrador City Recreation Dept., Labrador City Areana, Box 489, Labrador City, NFLD, Canada may be able to find a few specimen of the 1974 trade dollar. If you write



## EDITORIAL

One can tell it is summer, as this is going in the mail late this month. Sorry, but only 3 page this month. We are a little short on material, but even shorter on time.

Our thanks to Jerry Remick for his update on Canadian Trade Dollars. Jerry sounds serious about wanting to get his hands on an Inuvik, 1975 trade dollar. \$50 is a sizable chunk. Can any of you help him?

Thanks also to Karl Ward for his info on the new trade dollar out of Haines.

One thing that I just noticed that I left out of the article on disposable tokens is that all bear a mold number in the lower left corner of the Greenwald side.

Summer had been nice until about 3 weeks ago. Then it started raining. Been getting rain every day in varying amounts. On July 11, if it were not for the new flood control project, we would have reached within 1 foot of flood stage.

All for this month.

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## HAINES TRADE DOLLAR, cont.

The trade dollar can be obtained from the Haines Chamber of Commerce, Box 271, Haines, AK 99827 for \$1.25 each plus SASE for each dollar ordered. the 1980 trade dollars are also still available.

Also available is a brochure entitled "History of the Chilkat Mission Bell, Haines, Alaska." This brochure will be mailed free of charge for a SASE. Write Karl Ward, Haines Centennial Commission, Box 14, Haines, AK 99827.

-KARL WARD

## KLONDIKE POOL HALL



Here is an interesting maverick for you. Probably our acquiring it is the closest it has ever been to the Klondike or Alaska.

It is brass, 21 mm.

Any information would be appreciated.

## THIS MONTH'S OFFERING

Just one item that we feature this month is available from us. That is the set of 2 disposable tokens on page 34. Cost of the set is \$3.25 plus SASE.

We are always in the market for Alaskan, Yukon, and other Polar related material. Please keep us in mind if you have any for sale or trade.

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## TRADE DOLLARS, cont.

her, do enclose 20¢ and a self-addressed envelope for a reply. I promise nothing, but she has supplied most of the dollars that collectors have today. The dollar was struck by Pressed Metals Products of Vancouver. It was unknown to collectors until 1980.

HAY RIVER, NWT: The Alberta Mint, Edmonton will strike a 1981 Trade Dollar for Hay River, NWT which should be available later this summer at the usual \$1.25 postpaid. The 1977 and 1978 trade dollars are still available at \$1.25 postpaid (each) from the Hay River Chamber of Commerce, Attn. Ms. Karen Weber, Box 1278, Hay River, NWT, Canada XOE0R0. A number of 1974 specimens still remain at \$5.25 each from the recently found hoard of 500. Their 1973, 1975, and 1976 dollars are not available. The 1973 dollar is very scarce and I would value it at \$15 and up.

REWARD FOR 1975 INUVIK TRADE DOLLAR  
A \$50 reward is offered for a specimen of the 1975 trade dollar from Inuvik, issued by the Lions Club. I need one for photography for a book on Canadian trade dollars and for my collection. Write Jerry Remick, Box 9183, Ste-Foy, Quebec, Canada B1V 4B1.

## DISPOSABLE TOKENS

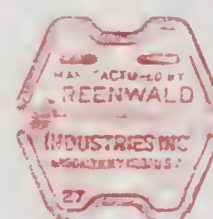
Wedgewood Manor, an apartment and motel complex in Fairbanks has begun using disposable tokens in their laundry facilities.

The tokens are known as GI Tokettes made by Greenwald Industries in Brooklyn, N.Y. They are issued in two shapes, as shown in the next column. "Tokette" is black, and used in the dryers, and Tokette II is green and used in the washers.



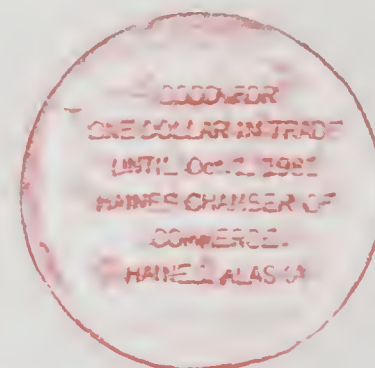
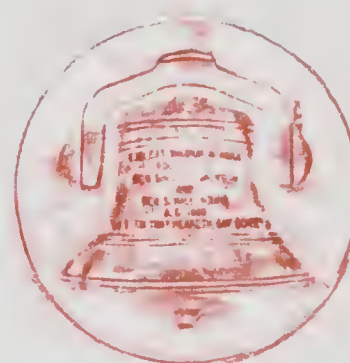
Both tokens are plastic, with "seams" that do not show on the rubbing. As the tokens are fed into the payment mechanism, they are broken in half. This eliminates collecting the tokens and counting.

Unfortunately, these are probably in use in places other than Fairbanks.



## HAINES C of C TRADE DOLLAR, 1981

The second trade dollar honoring the Haines Centennial has been issued by the Haines Chamber of Commerce. The 1981 trade dollar depicts the Chilkat Mission Bell on the obverse. As on the original bell, the inscription



reads, "Chilkat Mission, Alaska/ Founded by/ Rev. Sheldon Jackson/ and/ Rev. S. Hall Young/ A.D. 1880/ Let Him That Heareth Say, Come". The reverse inscription reads, "Good for/ One dollar in Trade/ Until Oct. 1, 1981/ Haines Chamber of/ Commerce/ Haines, Alaska.

The trade dollar was designed by Carl W. Heinmiller, minted by Debco Manufacturing Co., Pasadena, CA. Only 2000 were minted. They are made of Oxidized bronze and measure 34mm. (continued on page 33).



## THE JASON ISLANDS AND MR. LEN HILL

In our issue of February, 1981, we brought you a new issue of questionable status. This is the Jason Islands issues of Mr. Len Hill.

A few days ago we recieved a letter from Mr. Hill, and a book. In the book, Mr. Hill answered our questions about the islands. The book was something totally unexpected.

The book is titled "Penguin Millionaire; The Story of Birdland. Mr. Hill is the owner and operator of Birdland zoological gardens. Birdland



houses 1200 birds from over 20 countries, and is visited by over 700,000 people per year. Not being a bird-lover, I found the subject quite amusing. And, I was right. Not that the subject itself is amusing, but Mr. Hill's style and stories made for several enjoyable hours. Where I may have may have passed up the opportunity to visit such a place before reading this book, I would not hesitate to go out of my way to visit Birdland after reading it.

Several chapters of the book are devoted to the Jason Islands. Mr. Hill purchased Steeple Jason and Grand Jason in March, 1970 for the sum of 5500 Pounds. Mr. Hill is an avid ornithologist and conservationist. Here was the chance to have access to 20,000,000 birds for his gardens (he didn't need quite that many), and to protect these birds from exploitation. From the views expressed in the book, and from the way they are expressed, Mr. Hill is a very caring and kind person who would walk 100 miles to prevent a wasteful death of any



JASON ISLANDS, cont.

of the earth's creatures. The Jason Islands have in the past been used for the harvest of seals and penguins and it is very fitting that a man such as Mr. Hill should purchase them and affectively turn them into a wildlife refuge.

In the more immediate past, the Islands were used for sheep farming. Just prior to Mr. Hill's purchase, 5000 sheep were removed from the islands.

The notes were issued in five denominations: 50 Pence, and 1, 5, 10, and 20 Pounds. There were 50,000 of each printed by Coinette, Tiptree, Colchester, Essex. They were also designed by this same firm. The notes were issued by the authority of the Birdland Grand Steeple Jason Trust (we assume for fund raising purposes).

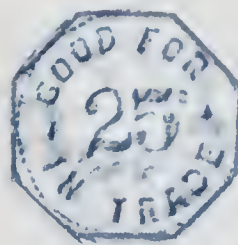
There are at present no human inhabitants.

A fuller description of the notes can be found in the Feb. 1981 issue of ATC&PN.

Those desiring a copy of Mr. Hill's book may write to: (price in editorial)

Mr. Len Hill  
Birdland Zoo. Gardens  
Riverside  
Bourton on the Water  
Glousctershire  
England

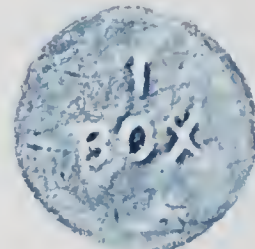
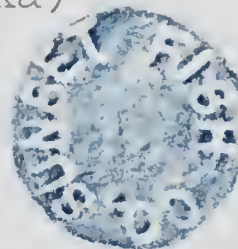
FOR THE RECORD



ATKA: Sergius Golley Billiard Hall.  
50 (cents), 31mm Alum. 25 (cents)  
23mm octagonal alum.



FORT YUKON: Horton & Moore's . \$1  
in trade, 37mm, alum. "Moise S.F."  
(manufacturer's signature below  
Alaska)



MAVERICK: Sunset Fish Co. 1 Box.  
All incuse, on dark alum. or zinc  
Any information appreciated. (25mm)



MAVERICKS: GTH, 25¢ in cash, by  
Wirth & Jachens SF.

St. & D, by Vaas & Co. Seattle  
No denomination.

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## GUSTAVE PRIESNER AND HIS TOKENS McCarthy, ALASKA - CIRCA 1918

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In the summer of 1978 I was employed on a highway project at Bristol Bay, AK. The contractor chose the King Ko Inn at King Salmon as their base of operations, and for housing the crew.

One Sunday as we were having lunch in the dining room, one of the women employed there sat at our table to have a cup of coffee. Several of the men present were old time Alaskans. Before long, tales were being told of events long past. The woman had a few stories herself and one knew she had been around just by listening. Finally she told of being in McCarthy, Alaska where she had dug up Alaska tokens. I came to life hearing this good news!! Here is her story....



Gustave Priesner owned the Drug store at McCarthy. His girl friend operated a "House" in town. The money she took in was kept in the Priesner safe. Along the way she picked up a new boy friend. Many harsh words were had with Priesner over the return of her money. One morning she was found murdered ... Petrie, owner of the Golden Saloon, put the word out fast, that while he was locking up the saloon at 5AM he saw Priesner coming out of her house moving fast. Petrie soon died a mysterious death.

45 Years later... 1963, the bottle digging lady was in McCarthy, and was in the old jail reading paper material scattered on the floor. Two of these papers she took away with her. The first was a telegram dated April 12, 1918 from the Marshall in Valdez, to the Marshall in Cordova, asking him to go to McCarthy, and arrest Priesner for the murder. The other paper was a letter, again from the Marshall in Valdez to the Marshall in Cordova, asking him to make arrangements for 8 glass jars containing the contents of Petrie's stomach, to be taken to Seattle, to be analysed to show if Petrie was poisoned or smothered. An article in the Cordova Times of April 15, 1918 states that Priesner was arrested in Fairbanks, AK, and had \$20,000 on this person.

55 Years later... 1973, our bottle digging lady is back in McCarthy again. She and a friend were hiking to a reported bottle dump when she began to tire. While sitting down she began to poke around the ground with a stick. Of all the incredible things!! She unearthed  
(continued on page 40)



## EDITORIAL

This month's lead article is reprinted from Trade Token Topics, the publication of METCA. It also contains some new information.

When we were in Juneau in April, we learned from Nick Nickell that he had finally aquired the Priesner \$1 token with nugget. We are glad that Nick's years of frustation are over. For a collector, there is nothing more frustrating than knowing an item is out there and not being able to get it.

For token collectors, finding a new token for their collection is better than Christmas morning to a child. If you're waiting for it to come in the mail, it is far slower in arriving than Christmas morning.

But most of all, beyond the frustrations and anticipations, possession of a prized item is the finest moment for the collector.

As a child loses interest in a new toy, a collector loses interest if his area of interest stagnates. Fortunately, token collectors have good reason to keep at it. In this issue alone, there are five new discoveries of older tokens. There is the promise of going through a dealer's junque box and finding that new item, that rare item, that different item.

One peak (possession) leads to more anticipation and hopefully future peaks.

Its fun being a kid!

## HOONAH VARIETY VERIFIED

While I was going through my Alaska book, I noted that Ron Benice had made a note by Hoonah 1-D saying a reported variety was unverified.

I have had the variety (different from the one pictured in the book) for years. The rubbing below will verify the token for all those who collect all varieties.



- 1) different ornament
- 2) HOONAH not curved
- 3) CENTS, not ¢ sign
- 4) 5 has curved top

The token is aluminum, 31mm.

-Lewis L. Egnew

## NEW SEWARD NATIVE COPPER REPORTED

Lew Egnew has also reported a new variety of Seward Northern Native Copper.

In the book (Benice) the slash in ¢ pts. to the "R" in Northern. On the new variety, with the B-6BIII obverse, the slash points to the "E". The positioning of the G of Good over N of Northern is also different.



Lew reports that the new variety was first discovered by Richard McFerran of Minnesota.

Egads! I started a flood with my Juneau transportation varieties!

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PRIESNER, continued.

a man's old leather snap purse. In picking it up the purse fell apart, disclosing several coins. What were the coins?? All were Gustave Priesner tokens of McCarthy.

My lady friend had kept the papers for 15 years, and the Priesner tokens for 5 years. My biggest thrill in 32 years of collecting coins was in adding the 1918 paper history, and the Priesner tokens to my collection.

At the time this article was originally written, a \$1 token with gold nugget was also known. After several years of searching, I have also added this piece to my collection. A 50¢ token must also have been used. I would appreciate hearing from any one with knowledge of this token.

The following are texts from telegrams and newspaper accounts concerning the murder and Priesner.

\* \* \* \* \*

SIGNAL CORPS, UNITED STATES ARMY  
NIGHT TELEGRAM

Valdez, Alaska, April 12, 1918  
Send the following message.

Attorney General,  
Washington.

Refer my telegram nith. Priesner and Bruckner left McCarthy March sixteenth after being notified by postmaster they must register and recieve permission to leave and if they left before they left at their peril. Since then all evidence indicates Priesner committed murder at McCarthy. Brucker swears an alibi for him. District Attorney requests Bruckner be detained as alien enemy and brought out when Erwin brings prisoners as he is important witness. Request Erwin be instructed.

Brenneman

Official Business Account  
Department of Justice  
Chief Deputy

Received for above message  
Cashier U. S. Signal Corps.

ALASKA  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
UNITED STATES MARSHAL'S OFFICE  
THIRD DIVISION, DISTRICT OF ALASKA  
VALDEZ

October 28th , 1918

Mr. Wm. L. Fursman,  
Deputy U. S. Marshal  
Cordova, Alaska.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your telegram of the 25th inst., in regard to the eight jars containing the stomach of Petrie, who died at McCarthy last spring under suspicious circumstances.

I wish to send these outside with the first one of the deputies going out. Please pack them so they can be easily handled (without cost) and in case I forget to instruct the deputy what to do, please hand the jars to him with this letter, the jars to be taken to some medical expert in Seattle to analyze and ascertain if Petrie was poisoned or if he smothered to death.

Very respectfully,  
(signed)

United States Marshal

\* \* \* \* \*

The following newspaper accounts are from microfilm at the Historical State Library, Juneau, Alaska.

The Cordova Daily Times March 11, 1918.

McCarthy Woman Found Murdered in Her Cabin

On Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock United States deputy Marshal Milsap found the body of Rose Silberg in her cabin, in the restricted district at McCarthy. Her throat had been cut from ear to ear, and it is believed the murder was committed during the night. The only weapon found in the house was a revolver, with one cartridge missing, but no bullet wound was found on the woman.

The federal authorities are at McCarthy investigating the case, but no definite clue has yet been unearthed. Ray Gordon, another inmate

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PRIESNER, continued.

of that district was arrested as a suspect, but the coroner's jury exonerated her of any connection with the crime.

Rose Silberg was 37 years of age, and a Polish Jewess. She was in Cordova about two weeks ago on her return from Tenakee Hot Springs, where she had been visiting her husband. She is reputed to be worth about \$25,000, and owned considerable property at McCarthy and Prince Rupert, B.C. As she always carried considerable money on her person, robbery is supposed to have been the cause for the murder.

\* \* \* \* \*

The Cordova Times, March 15, 1918  
(Special to the Daily Times)

(exerpted)

McCarthy, Alaska March 15-

This community has been aroused to the highest pitch of excitement by the atrocious murder last Saturday, of Rose Silberg, a woman of the underworld, followed on Tuesday morning last, by the mysterious death of Joe Petrie and the arrest of S. Himizu, a Japanese, suspected of being connected with the murder of the woman.

The Silberg inquest was called for March 13, was adjourned until today. S. Himizu, the Japanese suspect, was arrested at Strelna and is now in jail at McCarthy, charged with the murder.

The body of Joe Petrie, fully dressed, was found on the bed of Ben Richardson, in room 7, of the Golden Hotel, at 11 o'clock in the morning of Tuesday, March 12, by Ben Richardson. Dr. Hill made an autopsy on the 13th, but the cause of death has not yet been determined. Poisoning is suspected. However, Petrie is known to have been a sufferer from heart trouble.

That robbery was the motive for the crime is apparent from the fact that everything in the room (ed. note: of Rose Silberg) had been ransacked, and an empty pocketbook was

on the table. The search was for money, as considerable amount of jewelery was worn by the deceased when found.

\* \* \* \* \*

The Cordova Times, April 15, 1918.

PRIESNER IS ARRESTED AS ALIEN ENEMY

Charged with having failed to register as an alien enemy, Gustave Priesner, formerly a druggist at McCarthy, is reported to have been arrested at Fairbanks. Priesner some weeks ago attempted to go Outside, but was prevented by the authorities. He then started over the trail for the Chandlar district, where he said, he was going to open a trading post, and look into some mining property. When taken into custody he had \$20,000 in cash on his person.

Whether he is to be returned to the Third division or sent to an internment camp in the states is not known. He was accompanied by another alien enemy, who was taken into custody also.

MODEL BAKERY MAVERICK, FAIRBANKS

I assume the attribution is reliably based on the source of the token since there were many Model Bakeries in and out of Alaska, the most prominent in Alaska being in Cordova with no relationship to the Model Dispensary. A Model Cafe and Bakery appeared in Fairbanks in 1917, then reappeared in 1924, and in the 1930's evolved into the Model Cafe and Bakery owned by Peter Despot and Milo Hadjukovich. It was closed during World War II and reopened in 1946 and operated through statehood.

-Ron Benice

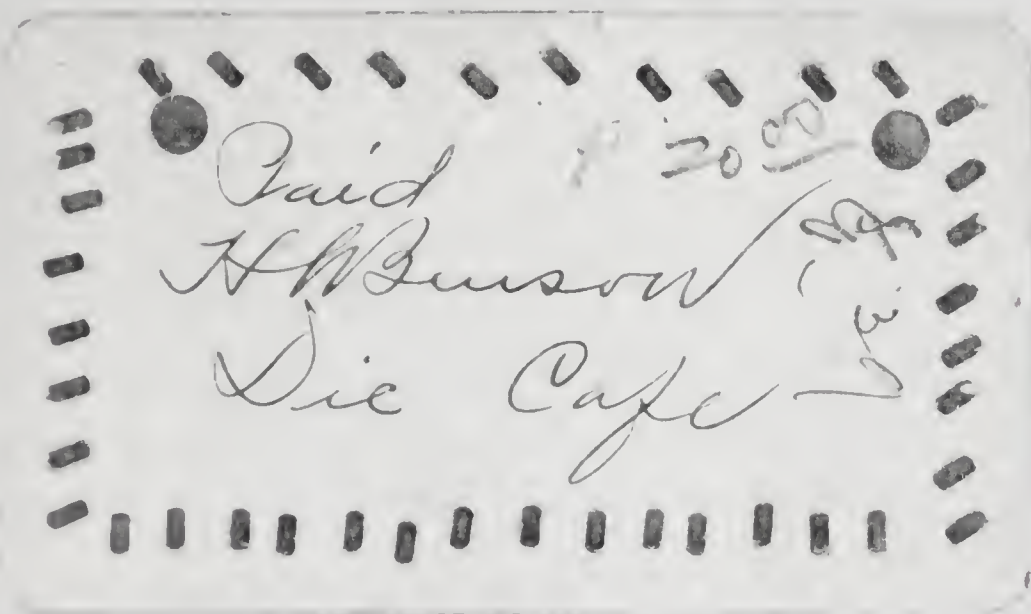
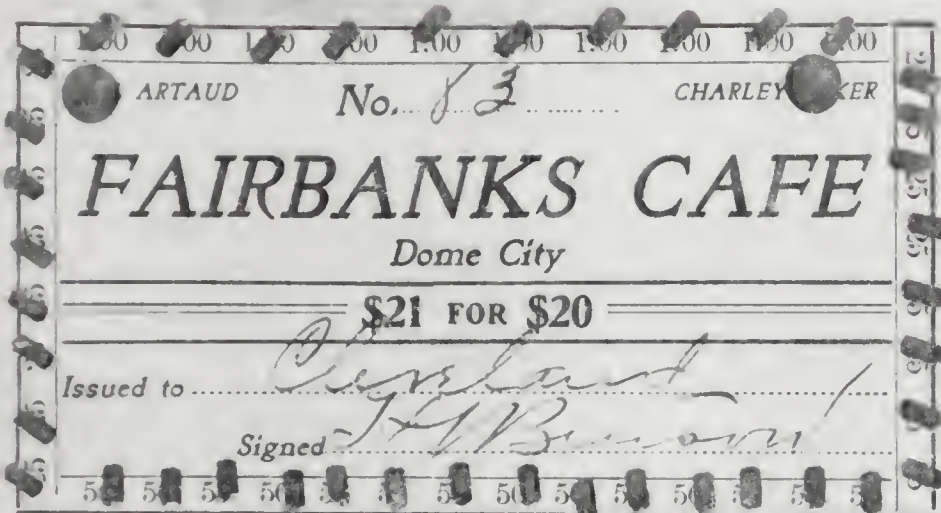
(Ed. Note) Ron's concern is justified. This piece does appear to belong in the Fairbanks area as another has been found. See For the Record.



# FOR THE RECORD



CORDOVA: Windsor Hotel, 12½¢ I/T. Aluminum, odd shape (4-scallops with points between the lobes) 30mm.



HOME CITY: Fairbanks Cafe, \$21 for \$20 punch card. Black on white, 100 mm by 58mm.

This piece appears to have been used for an establishment other than the one printed on the card. The two names at the top of the card are "cancelled". It was issued to

Cleaveland, and signed by HW Benson(?). It is signed by Benson again on the back and marked "Die Cafe".

FAIRBANKS: Model Bakery. As per Feb. 1981 ATC&PN. This piece is very soiled. Appears to be green. This cardboard token turned up with the Fairbanks Cafe, Dome City punch card. Too dirty to reproduce.



FAIRBANKS: Imperial Cigar Store. 25¢ in trade, Aluminum, 27mm. (submitted by Lew Egnew).



FAIRBANKS: Fairview Hotel Pool Hall 25¢ in trade, Alum. 27mm. 12 pcs. found by a bottle digger.



FAIRBANKS: Coin Meter Token, brass, 22mm. Two varieties- dot around rim and no dots around rim. Laundry token for use at "Soapy's" on Goldstream Rd., Fairbanks.

We have more, but space limitations do not allow us to run them this month. Next month, if we get the photos back, will be fragments from a cardboard token from Olmes- Arcade Cigar Store!



ALASKAN CHECKS

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  - CK-3. First National Bank, pink paper. Issued by Tolovana Mining Co., in blue. 5.00
  - CK-4. First National Bank, pink paper, diff. monogram (1only) 19.95
  - CK-5. Washington-Alaska Bank (1 only) 19.95
- \*corner torn, CK-2

IDITAROD, ALASKA MINERS AND MERCHANTS BANK

- CK-6. Certificate of Deposit, Validation in blue 7.50
- CK-7. Counter check 10.00
- CK-8. Scandination American Bank printed in red, validation in red, wavy green paper 5.00
- CK-9. Wavy Green, validation in red (1 Only) 17.50
- CK-10. Scandinavian American Bank printed in red, Validation in blue. 7.50
- CK-11. Scandinavian American Bank Rubber Stamped in Blue Validation in blue 7.50
- CK-11a. As above, with additional rubber stamp in blue, Seaboard National Bank (1 only) 12.50
- CK-12 Small Check 7.50
- CK-13 Small Check, different type 3.00
- CK-14. Gold purchase reciept 5.00

TERMS: Payment with order, unless we have shipped on approval to you previously. Postage is \$1 per order. For our "open account" customers, we will ship for your approval. This way, we can avoid some refunds.







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CK-5.	Washington-Alaska Bank (1 only)	19.95

\*corner torn, CK-2

## IDITAROD, ALASKA MINERS AND MERCHANTS BANK

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CK-7.	Counter check	10.00
CK-8.	Scandinavian American Bank printed in red, validation in red, wavy green paper	5.00
CK-9.	Wavy Green, validation in red (1 Only)	17.50
CK-10.	Scandinavian American Bank printed in red, Validation in blue.	7.50
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CK-11a.	As above, with additional rubber stamp in blue, Seaboard National Bank (1 only)	12.50
CK-12.	Small Check	7.50
CK-13.	Small Check, different type	3.00
CK-14.	Gold purchase receipt	3.00

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# FIRST NATIONAL BANK

UNITED STATES DEPOSITORY.

Fairbanks, Alaska, SEP 6 1911 191 No 2

Pay to the order of W W Carke Jr \$100<sup>00</sup>-

One hundred no for

Wages Mr. J. G. Overend

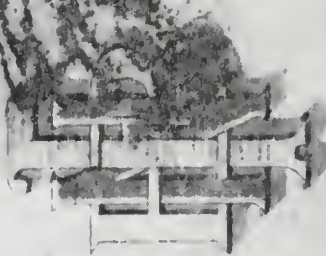
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Dollars

TOLSON & WILSON COMPANY

W W Carke Jr

CX-3



# FIRST NATIONAL BANK

UNITED STATES DEPOSITORY.

Fairbanks, Alaska, Jan 20 1912 No 373

Pay to the order of Fred M. Millican \$36<sup>75</sup>-

Thirty six & 75/100

Dollars

TOLSON & WILSON COMPANY

John Barvack

CX-4



Iditarod, Alaska, Oct. 27, 1902, No. 47

# Iditarod Alaska Bank

Pay to the

order of *J. Baker*

\$100.00

One hundred and no Dollars

*J. E. Barrack*

NOTE: MATTER OF RECORD

CK-5

47

## MINERS AND MERCHANTS BANK

IDITAROD, ALASKA.

No. 1248

\$7.80 <sup>25</sup>

IDITAROD, ALASKA.

191

has deposited in this Bank

*Gas. M. Schlegel* <sup>25</sup>

Dollars

Two hundred and no Dollars  
payable to the order of *self* <sup>25</sup>  
on the return of this Certificate properly endorsed.

*John Kolmeyer*  
Cashier.



CK-6



**MINERS AND MERCHANTS BANK,**  
IDITAROD, ALASKA,

IDITAROD, ALASKA, JUL 7 1911 No. 191

PAY TO

*cash*  
*Twenty-four hundred and no/100* DOLLARS

OR ORDER \$ *2400*

**COUNTER CHECK**

*Andrew Hansen*

CV-7

**MINERS AND MERCHANTS BANK**

IDITAROD, ALASKA

IDITAROD, ALASKA, 12/11 1911 No. 8514

PAY TO THE  
ORDER OF

*Lars Ostner*

\$ *1000*

DOLLARS

TO  
THE SCANDINAVIAN AMERICAN BANK,  
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON (19-8)

*R. E. Burton*  
CASHIER

CV-8



# Miners and Merchants Bank

IDITAROD, ALASKA, July 26, 1927 19 No. 4575

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Lowman & Sanford Co. \$9.14  
NINE DOLLARS FOURTEEN CENTS <sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub> DOLLARS

SEABOARD BRANCH  
THE DEXTER HORTON NATIONAL BANK  
OF SEATTLE

19-23

SEATTLE, WASH.

CASHIER

# MINERS AND MERCHANTS BANK,

IDITAROD, ALASKA,

191 No. 1253

PAY TO THE  
ORDER OF

Gust. Landstrom

\$1100<sup>00</sup>

Eleven hundred and no/100

DOLLARS

TO THE SCANDINAVIAN  
AMERICAN BANK  
SEATTLE, WASH

**NOT OVER TWELVE HUNDRED DOLLARS**

*Chas. D. ...*

SEATTLE, WASH

CASHIER

CK-9

CK-10



MINERS AND MERCHANTS BANK,

IDITAROD, ALASKA.

1238

No. ~~2023~~

IDITAROD, ALASKA. 191

PAY TO THE  
ORDER OF

Carl W. Jensen \$500.<sup>00</sup>

Five Hundred

NOT OVER FIVE HUNDRED \$500.00 DOLLARS

Scandinavian American Bank,  
SEATTLE, WASH.

John Holness  
Cashier.

CK-11

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MINERS AND MERCHANTS BANK,

IDITAROD, ALASKA.

F-3  
No. 2023  
1223

IDITAROD, ALASKA. 191

PAY TO THE  
ORDER OF

Frank D. Setty \$150.<sup>00</sup>

One Hundred fifty and 00/100

NOT OVER ONE HUNDRED SIXTY \$160.00 DOLLARS

Scandinavian American Bank,  
SEATTLE, WASH.

Edg. Hubbard  
Cashier.

CK-11a



CK-12

IDITAROD, ALASKA, Sept 28th 1911 No. 23  
**MINERS AND MERCHANTS BANK,**  
IDITAROD, ALASKA,

PAY TO *Self* OR ORDER \$ *500.00*  
*Five Hundred & no* DOLLARS  
*William Knox*

CK-13

IDITAROD, ALASKA 1911 NO.

**MINERS AND MERCHANTS BANK,**  
IDITAROD, ALASKA

PAY TO *Sam Peterson* OR ORDER \$ *25*  
*Twenty Five* DOLLARS  
*Per J. Griffin*

ADAMS & CO. PRINTERS, SEATTLE

CK-14

Pay to the  
Order of

*1079* 1911 \$ *240.25*  
Adv. No. ....  
Purchase Ozs. *14.25*  
*Dr. Morris*  
*240.25* DOLLARS

Miners & Merchants Bank, Iditarod, Alaska.

*W. C. B.*  
ASSAYER.



A SHRINERS' PILGRIMAGE  
to DAWSON

On Sunday, Aug. 2, 1914, pilgrims from the Gizeh Temple of the Order of Mystic Shriners of Victoria, B.C. arrived in Dawson on the steamer Casca. They stayed in Dawson until Friday, Aug. 7, 1914. They were hosted by the Dawson Mystic Shriners Club.

The headquarters for the pilgrims was the Yukonia Hotel, owned by Joseph A. Segbers, a member of the Shriners. The Temple banner was put over the

threshold and symbols of the order were placed all over the hotel and across the street.

Activities for Monday, Aug. 3rd included a tour of a gold dredge owned by Canadian Klondyke Mining Co. at Bear Creek. In the evening the Shriners attended the D.A.A.A. show.

On Tuesday, Aug. 4th, the shriners held their parade. The line was 2 blocks long, with shriners in full uniform holding to the line a cage with a lion tamer, a cart from Bagdad, a team of oxen and other novelties. A large ceremonial session was planned for the evening at the Arctic Brotherhood Hall. Thirty candidates crossed the sands (were initiated). More than 80 members, old and new, were present.

Wednesday, Aug. 5th saw the Shriners visiting the creeks in autos. A phone call from the Forks (ed. note: Grand Forks or Bonanza?) at 3PM confirmed that the Shriner auto excursion arrived there, with all in fine spirits. In the evening, they were entertained at the D.A.A.A. with a grand water carnival.

The climax of the sojourn of the visiting Victoria Shriners of the Gizeh Temple to Dawson came on Thursday evening, Aug. 6th with the grand ball in their honor. The grand march of the ball started at 9:15 and encircled the A.B. Hall several times. A fine dinner was served at the D.A.A.A. at midnight.

Listed among the nobles of the Dawson Shriners was T.N.E. Townsend, of Townsend and Rose Cigar Store, and later a Dawson florist.

(The above was gleaned from the Dawson Daily News, from Aug. 3rd to August 7th, 1914).





## EDITORIAL

Well, it is time for the annual METCA Show. Will try to get this in the mail before we go to Seattle.

For those who may have missed it in our last issue, the show will be on October 31, from 10AM to 7:30PM, and on November 1 from 10AM to 7PM.

On Saturday, Oct. 31, the bourse will close for the auction at 7:30PM. The auction features choice items from the collection of the late Forrest Dunham. Members of METCA have received complete listings of the lots to be offered.

If you are not a member of METCA, cannot recommend the organization highly enough. Those interested should contact Bary Bender, 752 No. 74th, Seattle, WA 98103. Dues are \$8.50 per year.

Speaking of METCA dues, Bary published a list of those delinquent in this department. Your editor was justifiably embarrassed to find his name there. But your editor also found some of your names there too! So how about it, help Bary out and get those dues paid. METCA deserves your support.

Your editor takes complete responsibility for the title at the head of the next column. Sorry folks!

The Anchorage Philatelic Society newsletter, put out by Dave Fronius is getting to me.

## TOKEN TIDBITS

The November 1980 issue showed a newly discovered Juneau token issued by A.A. Bower. Archer A. Bower operated a confectionary and fruit store on Seward between 2nd and 3rd in 1905 and 1906. In 1907 he merged with James Kennedy to run "Bower and Kennedy", a grocery store. They went out of business in 1908.

The April 1981 issue discussed the Dome Cigar Store. I found lots of records of William F. Voss running a tobacco store, selling stationery and selling men's furnishings in Dome or Olmes from 1909 to 1922. I found no evidence of a business called "Dome Cigar Store".

The August 1981 issue shows a St. & D maverick. There have been attempts in the past to call this on St. Cloud and Dempsey and attribute it to Nome. It is mentioned on page 123 of my book in the Nome footnote. I remain unconvinced.

The other maverick pictured next to it may be related. Quite a few of these, with different monograms, were in a hoard brought out of Nome many years ago. Note that the reverse is the same as Nome 35, issued by Dempsey and Dickey. I was unable to link any of the initials with Nome businesses. Slot machine tokens do travel!

-Ronald J. Benice

## KLONDYKE LUNCH ROOM.

Here is a neat piece submitted by Nick Nickell. Add this one to your files on Klondyke mavericks!



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# FOR THE RECORD



Alaska related: Empire Line  
"Seattle, Alaska & Gold Fields.  
Very attractive, multi-colored.



ANCHORAGE: Al Aska Temple, Purchase Centennial Totem. First we have seen of this one. Brass, 40mm.



FAIRBANKS: Impressions, 5% discount wooden nickel. Black on wood.



FAIRBANKS: (Public Fire Education Committee), "Without a smoke detector your life is not worth a wooden nickel. Red ink. This was available at the Tanana Valley Fair, and redeemable at Arctic Winter Games Hdqt.,

McDonald's and Pedroni's. Don't know for what, but at McDonald's it was a coffee.



FAIRBANKS: Christian Book & Supply, One wooden Buck. Good for 10% discount (we think). Black ink.



FAIRBANKS: Sportland Arcade, Five wooden nickels (25¢). Black ink.

## LAP ROBE TAG



To the right is a sketch of a lap robe tag or token that I could use further information about. Perhaps some readers are aware of lap robes being supplied by transportation companies in the north country.

The use of this ID tag or token is not clear. Perhaps the user paid a fee for its use or had it loaned to him during the trip. It could have had use on either sleds or on river boats.

The only initials that I can pin down stand for Yukon Trading Co., June 10th, 1901, with head office in Vancouver.

The tag is made of brass, uniface and holed. Shape is an irregular rectangle, 30/22 by 33mm. (Les Hill, P.O. Box 277, White Rock, B.C. Canada V4B 5C6)



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## MAVERICKS



Maverick tokens are the last refuge of the collector. The prices are low and the variety is virtually unlimited. But they provide token collecting with a lot of questions and very few answers.



A maverick may have a town name on it, but the name of the state, province, or territory will be missing. Generally, mavericks will have even less than this. At times, it will not even have a business name, just a number.

Mavericks with a business name make for interesting hunting. Like hunting through directories and newspapers to find business to match. But this is at best subjective. There is no real proof, no chain of evidence.

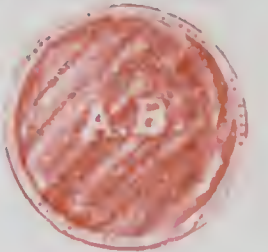
Certain assumptions can be made from the maverick token. By examining token, many times one can determine the manufacturer of the piece. This can help date the token. Other times, the manufacturer may be unknown, but the token may resemble other tokens of a known era. By using this information, one can get an approximate date of issue. If the date is appropriate, then there is a chance your assumptions are correct.

Location of the manufacturer is also important. A firm in Alaska or the Yukon was not likely to use a manufacturer east of the Mississippi. Their tokens were most likely ordered from the Seattle or Vancouver areas.



The circumstances surrounding a token's discovery can lead to other assumptions. Was it found with a hoard of other tokens from one area? How about under an old boardwalk? The possibilities are endless. But this provides only circumstantial evidence. This is not proof.

Proof consists of eye witness reports (real tough for the gold rush era). Or real strong circumstantial evidence, like being found in Dave and Jerry's old store, if the token bears the initials D&J or J&D.



Disagreements will always exist concerning the attribution of mavericks. A good example are the N.W.C.Co. tokens. Are they Northwestern Candy Co., or Northwest Commercial Co? Or something else altogether? Mavericks can rarely be positively attributed, but as noted, some fair assumptions can be made.





## EDITORIAL

We've made it through another year with our little newsletter. I think we've accomplished what we set out to do- to give you information on polar regions numismatics, with emphasis on Alaska. Much of the credit must go to our contributors. Whether a large article or a small spacefiller, all were appreciated, and help to make this a better newsletter.

We almost reached our goal of 5 pgs per issue. With help from you folks we will make our goal 7 pages per issue for 1982. To do this, we do need your help, more so than in this past year. We would like to have a contributor for the lead article each month. Then anything we have to add will help to expand the newsletter. I will be getting in touch with some of you, requesting your assistance to meet this goal.

Finally, subscriptions are due from all, except those who have contributed, and have credits in our file. Unfortunately, we must raise the price to \$5 per year in the US and Canada, and \$10 per year overseas. Inflation, especially on postage has made this necessary.

Order blanks for subscriptions are attached to the last page.

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## NEW EDITION OF CANADIAN TRADE DOLLAR CHECK LIST.

"Canadian Trade Dollars -- 1982 ed." was released on October 15 at \$2.25 postpaid from the author, Su Nadin-Davis, Box 95, Station A, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, K1N 8V1. The 24 page booklet, printed on pages 5½ by 7 ¾ inches, is the most up to date check list of Municipal Canadian trade dollars now available.

Trade dollars, including the few pieces issued of 50¢, \$2, and \$2.50 denominations, are listed by issuing municipality, alphabetically under their home province or territory. All 1981 issued are included. Seven supplementary lists are included and cover: Private issues; bronze-plated, gold-plated, rhodium-plated, and silver-plated dollars; minor die varieties and trade notes. R, RR, and RRR symbols are used to indicate the scarcest pieces. Current auction prices or estimated evaluations are given for some of the dollars.

Some 720 trade dollars have been issued by some 230 municipalities since the first was issued in 1960. During the past few years, about 70 municipalities have issued trade dollars each year: some issue 2, 3 or even 4 dollars a year.

I highly recommend this check list to all interested in municipal Canadian trade dollars.

—Jerry Remick

### METCA SHOW: Prices Realized on AK

Hold onto your hats folks:

Skagway, B-16A	90.00
" B-16B	50.00
" B-21A	65.00
" B-18B	80.00
Brooks B-5A	200.00
Ketchikan B-7B	175.00
Nome B-6B	425.00
Seward B-3A	740.00
Douglas, Republic Bar	
unlisted	330.00
Fbks., Northern Hotel and	
Pool Room, unl.	450.00
Palmer, B-7A	275.00



MAVERICKS FROM PAGE 55.

Thought you might like to know what we were thinking on the mavericks pictured.

Gus Gullikson is reportedly from the McGrath-Tacotna area. Haven't been able to pin it down. An unusual name, so if Gus is found in the directories, it will be a safe bet that the token belongs there.

There is another token from the International Hotel in Fairbanks, but how many hotels used the name? Dozens? Hundreds?

Tony's Place was in Juneau. Whether this token ever saw Juneau, or if this is the closest it has ever been is unknown. The name is probably not as common as the International Hotel, but not as distinctive as Gus Gullikson.

The A.B. token is explained by Lew Egnew, below.

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#### A.B. MAVERICK

While sorting through some letter-heads from an Alaskan estate a while back, I was about to throw away a tattered envelope from "Arctic Brotherhood, Skaguay, Alaska" (note spelling of Skaguay) when I found out it contained a thin brass token. All stamping is incuse, and doesn't rub worth a hoot. But I strongly suspect that it is a token of the Arctic Brotherhood. I have seen this token before, I believe in Seattle. Are any of the Alaskan collectors in Skagway area familiar with this token? Any help appreciated.

-Lewis L. Egnew  
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Port Townsend, WA 98368

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We need articles to make this a better newsletter. How about it? Surely you have some information that you would like to share with about 100 other people. Drop us a line.

#### METCA SHOW REPORT

The METCA token show was a great success this year. Bary Bender did a fine job again in organizing the show.

Saturday saw over 100 people come through the door, many drawn for the auction of Forrest Dunham's collection. I should say a part of the collection. There are thousands of tokens still to be auctioned.

John Calhoun was there from Post Falls, Idaho. John was the auctioneer, and did an admirable job bringing those prices up. He had lots of help from many enthusiastic bidders.

There were about 20 dealers set up, buying, selling, and trading. Most Alaskan collectors that we talked to picked up at least one piece that they needed. And the auction was fairly divided among many collectors also.

Below are several of the tokens that were in the auction that are not pictured in Benice's Alaska tokens.





# FOR THE RECORD



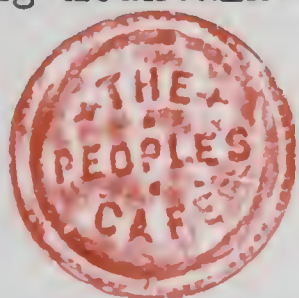
FORT GIBBON: Post Exchange, 5¢ I/T Aluminum, 25mm.



LABRADOR CITY, NFLD.: Winter Carnival trade dollar, 1974, brass, 39mm.



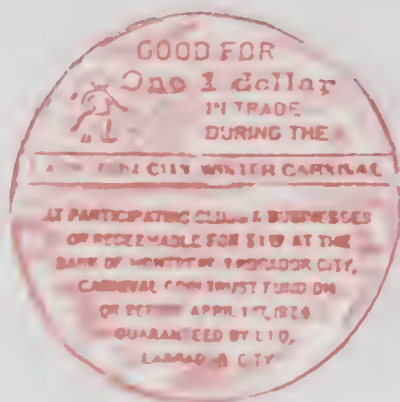
ANCHORAGE: Elks Lodge No. 1351, Good for one free drink, brz., 39mm. Obv. scene of Alaska, featuring mountains, moose, ship, etc.



MAVERICK: People's Cafe, 5¢ I/T, Alum.; Same manufacturer as Dawson Opera House, The Green Tree (Dawson) and Pioneer Saloon, Wrangel.



MAVERICK: Alcan Tap (bi-facial), Brass, 20mm.



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